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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF IOTC RESOLUTION 08/02

I wish to bring to your attention that we are now less than sixty days away from the implementation of the Regional Monitoring Programme to monitor transshipment at sea as requested in Resolution 08/02.

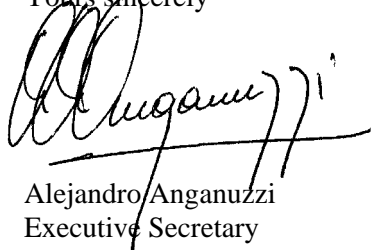
Preparations for the implementation of the Programme have progressed as FAO issued a call for bids from consulting firms to implement the Programme. Four bids were received and a technical evaluation conducted by a Panel composed by the IOTC Chair, the Executive Secretary and the Compliance Officer was followed by an evaluation of the financial offers conducted at the FAO Headquarters by the Procurement Service. A final selection was done by combining the scores from both evaluations. The selected firm is MRAG Ltd from the UK, who is also implementing an identical programme in the Atlantic Ocean for ICCAT.

The cost of the Monitoring Programme will be shared by Contracting Parties and Cooperating non Contracting Parties (CPCs) participating in the Programme. To date, only two Contracting Parties have indicated their intention to participate in the Monitoring Programme and have submitted the list of carrier vessels that are authorised to receive at-sea transshipments from their large-scale tuna longline fishing vessels (LSTLVs) in the IOTC Area.

Therefore, I shall be most grateful if CPCs can advise the Secretariat, before 21st November 2008, about your intention to participate in the Programme and submit, if you have not done so already, the list of carrier vessels that are authorised to receive at-sea transshipments from your LSTLVs in the IOTC Area.

The confirmation of your participation will allow the Secretariat to consult with the concerned CPCs on the method for contributing to the cost of the programme, and estimate the individual contributions.

Yours sincerely



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Attachments: None

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