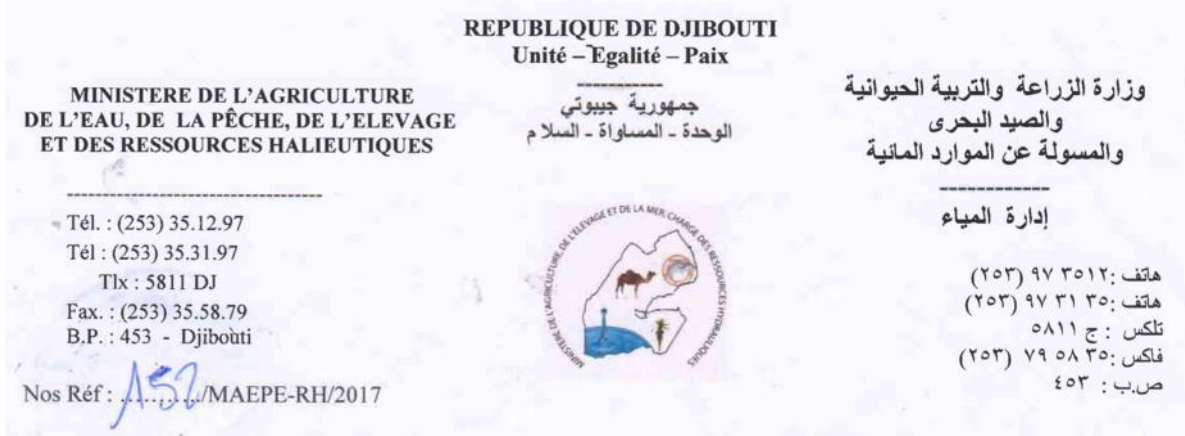


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Djibouti, 08 February 2017

THE MINISTER

TO  
THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION

**Subject:** Request for renewal of status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)

**Mister Executive Secretary,**

According to the rules of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), I hereby inform you that Djibouti seeks the renewal of its status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party for the year 2017.

I also inform you that Djibouti remains deeply committed to complying with Conservation and Management Measures related to Fisheries adopted by the IOTC.

Please accept, Mr Executive Secretary, the assurance of my highest consideration.

**MOHAMED AHMED AWALEH**

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