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The Tuna Companies; NIRSA, EUROFISH, JADRAN, SERVIGRUP and TRIMARINE; who form part of the initiative TUNACONS (Tuna Conservation Group), based in Guayaquil – Ecuador, are engaged in a FIP (Fishery Improvement Project) for the tuna purse seine fishery in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. The FIP is based on the MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) principles of sustainability.

We have carefully read the INTERNATIONAL SEAFOOD SUSTAINABILITY FOUNDATION (ISSF) joint RFMO outreach letter that was broadly endorsed by major seafood companies, retailers, NGOs, and other tuna industry stakeholders from around the world. The aim of the letter is to urge the Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) to take urgent action on tuna conservation by adopting resolutions that contribute strongly to improved tuna stock abundance and management, and reducing the negative impacts of fishing on the marine ecosystem.

Our Tuna Conservation Group fully supports the letter and hereby adds our voice to the many others calling for greater RFMO action.

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The adoption of measures for the conservation of the tuna stock, consistent with the sustainable development of our productive activity, is one of the principles that we constantly hold, together with the CIAT (Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission); so, we agree on this Global Concern.

We apologize for sending our communication at this stage, but in any case, we want to state our position, in name of the tuna companies that I represent in this Fishery Improvement Project (FIP).

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

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