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To: Dr. Christopher O'Brien  
Executive Secretary of IOTC

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**Subject: Outstanding compliance issues**

Dear Sir,

Respectfully, on the basis of the letter of Feedback (IOTC REF: 6628) from Dr. Al-Mazroui, chair of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission 21<sup>th</sup> session of the IOTC, I would like to inform you that:

-Regarding marking fishing gears mentioned in resolution 15/04: we are studying on how to implement it according to social, practical situation in 2018.

-On the implementation of resolution 15/02, Iran Fisheries Organization (IFO) sent to secretariat, we have mentioned: annual statistics on fish species and fishing method province, vessel number fishing effort, month fish species and class of vessels, Biometrics data, but on geographical position of vessels. According to a visit by IOTC experts to Iran in 2017, planning and coordination has been done to provide information to the secretariat in 2018 based on IOTC format.

-On the implementation of resolution 11/04 regarding Observer Scheme, Iran fishing fleet unfortunately because of some problems especially lack of accommodations for observers on board, there are some difficulties on implementation of onboard observers. Iran has been volunteer for developing a pilot project as mentioned in Paragraph 6 of Res 16/04 for better implementation of observer scheme only in ports. So, we expecting with supporting of IOTC, I.R. of Iran will be prepared necessary data and information base on implementation comprehensive port state observer system. On this way and based on issues discussed on SC, 2017, I.R. of Iran expected IOTC consultancy and help to conduct the project.

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-Implementation of VMS as required by Resolution 15/03: As reflected in many meetings, because of sanction and inaccessibility to any international satellite data, I.R.of Iran has not have the opportunity to use satellite based VMS system for monitoring of his vessels. But, fortunately after solving some problems, Iran has started to implement VMS project by use of Thuraya satellite in 2017 and successfully finished the pilot project. So, according to paragraph 2 Resolution 15/03, I.R.of Iran is going to fully implementation of the project by January 2019. In this project we will equip all our offshore fishing fleet to the satellite base VMS system which will be engaged in Tuna and Tuna like fisheries. At the moment all offshore fishing vessels of Iran are equipped with Offline Systems

Truly yours,

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Iran Commissioner to IOTC

