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**RE: KENYA RESPONSE OUTSTANDING COMPLIANCE ISSUES RAISED IN  
THE LETTER OF FEEDBACK**

Kenya acknowledges receipt of the letter of feedback ref. 6630 dated 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 which outlined specific issues raised in respect of Kenya that were raised during the 2017 Compliance committee meeting held in Yogyakarta Indonesia. I would like to respond to the two specific issues as follows:

On general lack of compliance with IOTC measures, Kenya has improved in the collection and dissemination of artisanal catches which were previously recorded as aggregated. Kenya has also collected and reported the size frequency data for the first time in 2016. With more disaggregation of the data, Kenya will be able to report in future catch and effort at species level. This is being undertaken with the assistance of the IOTC data staff. Secondly, Kenya has installed a VMS and is currently monitoring the operations of the vessels using the system.

On the reporting, Kenya has been providing a number of reports though not all as required. Due to the challenge noted with the reporting requirement, Kenya invited the IOTC compliance staff who visited the country and trained the staff on the reporting requirements and deadlines. This is expected to improve as the officers are more enlightened on the reporting requirements.

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