

Pyongyang, January 8th, Juche 102(2013)

Dear Mr. Executive Secretary,

I have the honor to inform you of our decision to take part in the activities of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) in order to allow the fishing vessels of the DPRK to fish tuna in the waters of the IOTC.

The DPRK will comply the terms of the "Agreement for the Establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission" and abide by the measurements of the IOTC.

We assure you that we will provide your Commission with information on our fishing activities in the waters under the jurisdiction of the Agreement, that we will make financial contributions when the DPRK is admitted as a full member, and that the fishing vessels with the flag of the DPRK will act in accordance with the requirement of the Agreement.

With due respect to the IOTC, we hereby apply to your Commission for the status of "Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties" of your Commission.

Please find the enclosed data on the preparation for tuna fishing in the Indian Ocean by the DPRK.

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


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**Data on the preparation for tuna fishing in the Indian Ocean
by the DPRK**

Table.

Type of fishing vessel	Number of fishing vessel
Ultra-low temperature long-liner	4 (600-tonnage)