



**MINISTER
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Private Bag X250, Pretoria, 0001, Tel: 012 319 7319 Fax: 012 321 8558
Private Bag X9087, Cape Town, 8000, Tel: 021 467 4502, Fax: 021 465 6550

Mr Rondolph Payet
The Executive Secretary
International Ocean Tuna Commission
Le Chantier Mall
PO Box 1011
Victoria,
SEYCHELLES

Dear Executive Secretariat and Member Parties of the IOTC

**REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SOUTH AFRICA'S CO-OPERATING, NON-CONTRACTING STATUS
IN IOTC FOR 2015**

South Africa hereby formally requests the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) to renew our co-operating, non-contracting status for 2015.

South Africa assures the IOTC Commission that every effort is currently being made to ensure that South Africa becomes a full member of the IOTC. South Africa remains committed to management, research, compliance and the implementation of all the relevant IOTC conservation and management measures in the Southwest Indian Ocean.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration and esteem.

Yours Sincerely


(Mr) S Zokwana, MP

Minister: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Date: 22 - 04 - 2015