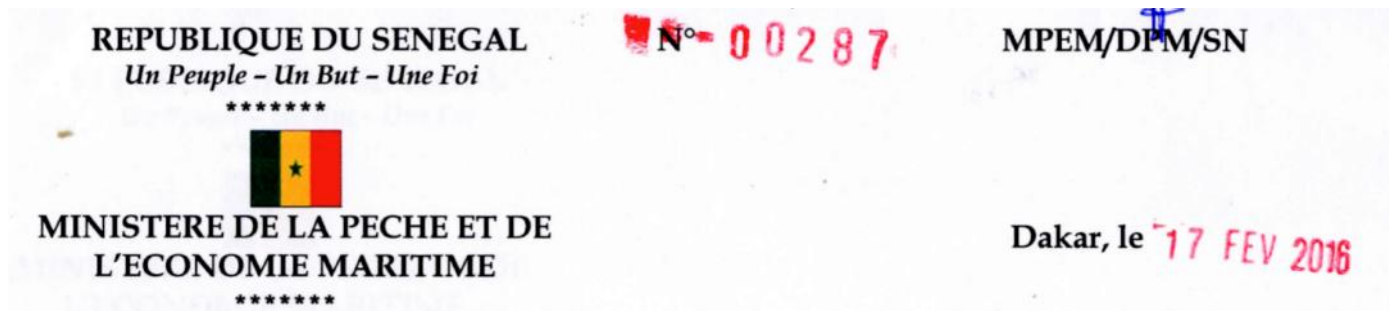


*Note: what follows is a translation of a correspondence received in French by the Secretariat. For more details, please refer to the original document.*



The Minister,

**Subject: Application for renewal of Senegal's status as a Cooperating Non Contracting Party of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission**

Mister Executive Secretary,

I have the honour to inform you that Senegal is asking for the renewal of its status as a Cooperating Non Contracting Party of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission for 2016.

As you may have noticed, the Senegalese fleet has not fished in the Commission's Area of Competence in the last few years, but Senegal wishes to maintain its status as a Cooperating Non Contracting Party, which was granted to it by the Commission in 2005. Maintaining this status will allow the Senegalese fleet to return in the Indian Ocean as soon as the technical conditions will allow. I also wish to indicate that catch data have been submitted to IOTC for the period when Senegalese vessels were present in the Convention Area [sic].

Furthermore, I wish to recall that my country remains committed to becoming a Contracting Party of the IOTC, and continues to exchange information with the Commission. My Department has, once again, asked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad to complete the procedure to become a Member of IOTC.

Senegal remains fully committed to all Fisheries Conventions to which it is a signatory and participates actively to the works of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations pursuing the same goals as that of the IOTC.

You will find hereby attached a declaration of commitment.

Sincerely yours,

**A**  
**Dr David T. Wilson**  
**Secrétaire exécutif par intérim**  
**de la Commission des thons de l'Océan indien**  
**Mahé, Seychelles**

The image shows the signature block of the letter. On the left, the text identifies the signatory as 'A Dr David T. Wilson, Secrétaire exécutif par intérim de la Commission des thons de l'Océan indien, Mahé, Seychelles'. To the right of this text is a red circular stamp with the text 'REPUBLIQUE DU SENEGAL' around the top and 'Le Ministre' in the center, with a blue ink signature over it. Below the circular stamp is a red rectangular stamp with the name 'Oumar GUEYE' in bold capital letters.

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*Un Peuple – Un But – Une Foi*

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**MINISTERE DE LA PECHE ET DE  
L'ECONOMIE MARITIME**

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THE MINISTER,

**DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT**

The Minister of Fisheries and Maritime Economy hereby commits on behalf of Senegal:

- to enforce the application of the Conservation and Management Measures under the IOTC Convention and,
- to ensure the strict application of the aforementioned IOTC Conservation and Management Measures by its vessels.

In witness whereof, the present commitment is established for all legal intents and purposes.

A red circular official stamp from the Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy of Senegal. The text around the circle reads "REPUBLIQUE DU SENEGAL" at the top and "MINISTERE DE LA PECHE ET DE L'ECONOMIE MARITIME" at the bottom. In the center, it says "Le Ministre". A blue ink signature is written across the stamp. Below the stamp is a red rectangular stamp with the name "Oumar GUEYE" in bold capital letters.