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Chairperson of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
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Dear Dr. Al-Mazroui,

Korea would like to respond to your letter dated May 26, 2017, regarding the compliance issues identified at the 14th Compliance Committee Meeting held in May 2017.

On the provision of size frequency data for surface fishery to IOTC standard as required by Resolution 15/02:

Korea has worked to improve the provision of size frequency data, with a special focus on acquiring sufficient samples. This effort resulted in the improvement in the provision of size frequency data for 2017.

On the 5% requirement of mandatory observers on fishing vessels as required by Resolution 11/04:

Korea informed CoC14 that although all Korean-flagged purse seiners in the IOTC Area had had observers on board throughout their entire trips (100% observer coverage in actual terms), this had not been reflected in its 2015 nominal coverage as Korea could not get the observer reports from the deploying country (Seychelles). In 2016, Korean purse seiners again reached 100% observer coverage, and this time could receive the observer reports from the deploying country (Seychelles), which will be soon submitted to the Secretariat. In 2016, the observer coverage for longliners was improved compared to 2015, but still was a little short of the minimum requirement. In 2017, however, the coverage for both sectors was fully met thanks to Korea's constant efforts.

On the provision of observer reports as required by Resolution 11/04:

Korea has been making efforts to ensure timely processing and provision of observer reports. As Korea could receive the observer reports for the purse seiner from the deploying country (Seychelles) in 2016, Korea will soon be providing its observer reports for its purse seine as well as longliners covering the year 2016.



On the provision of BET annual report to IOTC Standard as required by Resolution 01/06:

Korea has been making efforts to ensure timely processing and provision of BET annual reports and provided a full report covering the year of 2017.

Korea, as a responsible member of IOTC, will continue every effort to fully comply with IOTC conservation and management measures.

Best regards,

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