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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

MARINE FISHERY DIRECTORATE

Dakar, 21st March 2018

The Director To Dr Ahmed Al-Mazroui Indian Ocean Tuna Commission Chairman

**Subject:** Feedback on Compliance issues of Senegal

## Mister Chairman,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter on the above subject and express my deep appreciation for the confidence and trust that the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission has placed in Senegal, renewing its Cooperating Status.

Regarding your feedback on the compliance issues raised, the following comments are made:

- 1. Senegal has not had any fishing presence in the IOTC Area due to safety and economic reasons that have resulted in its removal.
- 2. Regarding the National Scientific Report, this report was submitted with the Compliance Ouestionnaire.
- 3. Failure to submit a FDP at IOTC standard for Senegal, as required by Resolution 15/11, is due to the Senegal-flagged vessels removal from IOTC records.

Moreover, delays in finalizing the process of adherence to IOTC on a contractual basis do not favour Senegalese fleet further deployment in the Indian Ocean.

Maintaining cooperation between Senegal and IOTC is very useful as it allows to anticipating further deployment of our vessels whose ship-owners are periodically informed of IOTC incentive management measures.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

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