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Subject: Implementation of IOTC conservation and management measures - Actions taken in by the European Community

Dear Mr. Anganuzzi,

As foreseen in the Article X of the Agreement for the establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) regarding the implementation of conservation and management measures, I have the pleasure to provide you with the information on the actions taken in this regard by the European Community.

The current situation concerning the implementation of IOTC Resolutions in the EC internal law is the following:

the Council Regulation (EC) N° 520/2007 laying down technical measures for the conservation of certain stock of highly migratory species transposed all IOTC technical measures adopted prior to and including 2006.

the Council Regulation (EC) N° 1936/2001 amended by the Council Regulation (EC) N° 869/2004 transposed all IOTC control and surveillance measures adopted prior to and including 2003.

The (EC) Council Regulations fixing for 2008 and 2009 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required transpose notably the IOTC resolutions 06/03, and the two main instruments to freeze the fishing effort in the Indian Ocean i.e. IOTC Resolutions 06/05 and 07/05.

The main IOTC Resolutions regarding record of vessels, port inspection, IUU fisheries, transhipments, vessels monitoring system, shark finning and recording of catches and logbooks are transposed into EC legislation through the EC general Fisheries Regulations.

The European Community is currently working on a new Council Regulation regarding measures applicable to certain stocks of highly migratory fish, which will transpose into Community Law the measures adopted by all Tuna RFMOs, including the IOTC, that will include: control and surveillance measures, port inspections, seabirds, transshipments, actions against IUU activities, and statistical requirements.

Once adopted by the European Council, this new regulation will be immediately provided, for information, to the IOTC Secretariat and Members.

Yours sincerely,

'Signed'
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Head of Unit