
APPLICATION FOR COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS
URUGUAY



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Dr. Alejandro Angamuzzi
Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

Dear Dr. Angamuzzi:

As you know, though Uruguay has not fished in the area of the IOTC for the past few years, we have maintained fluid communications with the Secretariat and have promptly responded to every request for information. This reflects our involvement and interest in keeping Uruguay as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to the IOTC.

Uruguay is actively committed to the application of FAO's Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and other instruments aiming at a sustainable use of fishing resources, at national and international level. Among other activities, Uruguay has developed a National Plan of Action for the conservation of sharks, has joined the Agreement on Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) and is participating in FAO's consultation process on State Port Measures.

Though we are making every effort to attend the 13th session of the Commission, the local repercussions of the world crises call for additional measures to restrict public expenses that will probably prevent Uruguay from participating. However it is our firm intention to continue cooperating with IOTC and increase our participation in the near future. Uruguay therefore requests the renewal in 2009 of its status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to IOTC.

We take the opportunity to wish you a successful and productive meeting of the Commission and thank you in advance for your attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,



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