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Executive Secretary,
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Dear Sir,

IOTC- REF 7257

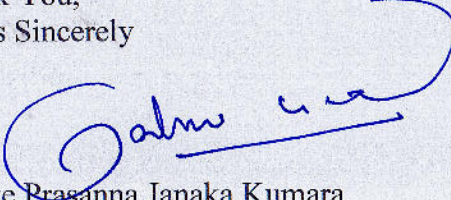
Response to the Feedback regarding the compliance issues at the 16th Session of Compliance Committee.

This is reference to the IOTC Ref 7257 dated 21st June 2019 issued to the Commissioner Sri Lanka on the above.

I wish to inform you that the Sri Lanka paid more attention on the issues raised in the feedback letter on the compliance of the conservation, management and measures of IOTC.

Please find here with attached the arrangements made for further the improvement of the compliance status of Sri Lanka in the year 2019.

Thank You,
 Yours Sincerely


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 Director General
 Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
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Copy: Ms. Susan Imende, Chairperson, IOTC

Annexure- i

Resolution No.	Compliance Issue raised	Comments and the implementation status up to date.
11/04.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not implemented 5% mandatory at sea requirements As required by Resolution 11/04 . • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of Sri Lankan fishing fleet consists of vessels in the range from 10-15 m in length without the minimum requirements viz: safety, accommodation and space for deploying the observers. • Though vessels < 24m operates outside EEZ, Sri Lanka is not in a position to deploy onboard observers due to safety issues. • Sri Lanka is implementing the EMS pilot project with the technical assistance of IOTC on this regard. • However as per the point 4. of the resolution small vessels are being monitored by the field samplers where the coverage is >5%. There is no separate template to submit land based sampling data under resolution 11/04. Hence the length data obtained at the landing points submit to IOTC incorporating to the data submit in June under resolution 15/02 each year. • Sri Lanka is experimenting on crew based observer scheme to fulfill scientific data reporting in a cost effective manner in small boats.
15/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not reported Nominal catch for the coastal fisheries at IOTC Standard, • Has not reported Catch and Effort for the coastal fisheries at IOTC Standard • Has not reported Size frequency for the coastal fisheries at IOTC Standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of human resources caused lag behind for further improvement of coastal data sampling, collection and compilation. • To overcome this issue Sri Lanka has introduced an electronic data collection system through a tablet which increase the efficiency of data reporting as explained in the section under 18/07 Of implementation report 2019. • Development and establishment of a robust fisheries information system is essential for coastal fisheries of Sri Lanka . To achieve this target, “Sri Lanka-Norway” bilateral project to improve port sampling procedures is being conducted by NARA and Institute of Marine Research (MRI), Bergen, Norway. This lead to Upgrade coastal data collection in coming years. The project is On going up to 2021.
17/05.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not reported Size frequency on sharks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Lanka has paid special attention on further improvement of data collection of sharks in year 2019 and the data will be submitted in June 2020.
15/04.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not fully implemented the list of authorized vessels above 24 m in LOA, Missing call sign, IMO and vessels below 24 m in LOA, Missing call sign, GT, invalid authorization period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions have been taken to complete the list of authorized vessels of IOTC by giving all information as per the template provided from 2019 onwards.
01/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided the BET annual report for 2017, as required by Resolution 01/06. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Lanka attempted to balance the gap of 21kg BET in the annual report of 2017 however, has not reported. Steps have been taken to keep clear records on this regard.