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**COMPLEMENTARY ELEMENTS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER ITEM 4 OF THE
AGENDA FOR THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

INFORMATION FROM AUSTRALIA

Prepared by IOTC Secretariat, 23 SEPTEMBER, 2020

PURPOSE

To bring to the attention of the Compliance Committee the actions undertaken by Australia during the last intersessional period to address fishing practices that undermines the effectiveness of conservation and management measures of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission.

INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE IOTC SECRETARIAT

1. Information about alleged illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activity – PERINTIS JAYA 19 (Indonesia):
 - Attachment – Letter from Australia, submitted on 01 September 2020.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the CoC17:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC–2020–CoC17–07a_Add1, which describes the outcome of the investigation of the Indonesian-flagged vessel, FFV PERINTIS JAYA 19, that was apprehended by Australia on 17 February 2018, within the IOTC Area.
- 2) **NOTE** cooperation provided by the flag State, Indonesia, of the fishing vessel during the investigation.



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Dear Dr O'Brien

INFORMATION ABOUT ALLEGED ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED FISHING ACTIVITY – FFV PERINTIS JAYA 19 (INDONESIA)

I am writing to provide you with information regarding the outcome of the investigation of the Indonesian-flagged vessel; FFV *Perintis Jaya 19* that was apprehended by Australia on 17 February 2018. The FFV *Perintis Jaya 19* was boarded and inspected at sea by Australian authorities and was alleged to have fished illegally inside the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The vessel was found to have approximately 2,000 kilograms (2 tonnes) of tuna, marlin and mixed fish and approximately 4,000 kilograms (4 tonnes) of frozen bait on board along with hooks and other longline fishing gear. The vessel, master and crew were taken to the port of Darwin, Australia for further investigation.

Australia acknowledges that on 23 April 2018, a notification of the apprehension and associated allegations was sent to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Executive Secretary, in line with the obligations and procedures set out in IOTC Resolution 17/03 (now 18/03) on *establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC Area of Competence*. Further in accordance with Resolution 18/03, Australia noted that it would advise the IOTC Secretariat of the outcome of the legal proceedings related to the FFV *Perintis Jaya 19* after the court case was concluded.

It has been over two years since the apprehension of the FFV *Perintis Jaya 19* and while there were a number of delays to the legal proceedings this matter has now concluded with the owners forfeiting AU\$110,000.

Australia would also like to express our sincere appreciation for the understanding and cooperation in the investigation by Indonesia as the responsible flag State. Australia is satisfied that appropriate action has been taken and that the settlement is of adequate severity to be effective in deterring further infringements.

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Should you have any questions about this matter and its outcome, please contact the Australian Fisheries Management Authority on Tel +61 (02) 6225 5334 or by email to kerry.smith@afma.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Peter Venslovas'.

Peter Venslovas

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