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Dr. Chris O'brien, Executive Secretary, Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. P.O. Box 1011, **VICTORIA** SEYCHELLES

Dear Dr. O'brien,

RE: LETTER OF FEEDBACK FROM KENYA

Reference is made to your letter Reference No. IOTC2020-175 dated 4th December 2020 on the feedback from Kenya on compliance issues.

The following is our response on the issues raised:-

- 1. Kenya did not provide data regarding sharks at IOTC standard but reported them as aggregated for artisanal fisheries, did not provide nominal catch as required by Resolution 15/02, didn't provide catch and effort data as required by Resolution 15/02, didn't provide data regarding sharks size frequency as required by Resolution 15/02, has not reported size frequency for coastal fisheries to IOTC standard as required by Resolution 15/02 and that less than one fish was measured per metric ton. In view of the foregoing, Kenya wishes to inform the Secretariat that the country has initiated a sampling program aimed at collecting the required data and will soon be reporting as per the requirements. Kenya is also in the process of hiring more staff to improve fisheries data collection.
- 2. Regarding the observer coverage and calculation of the observer coverage, we wish to inform you that Kenya has engaged the data section of the IOTC and revised the reporting according to the 11/04 resolution.
- 3. On the prohibition from intentionally fishing within 1 nautical mile of or interacting with data buoy and prohibition from taking on board a data buoy,

Kenya has been working with the IOTC consultant in preparation of gazette notices in line with the requirements.

Yours

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DIRECTOR GENERAL