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IOTC CIRCULAR 2021–24

Dear Madam / Sir

CONFIRMATION FOR S25 TO GO AHEAD BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

In IOTC Circular 2021-22, the IOTC Vice-Chairperson sought confirmation, from IOTC Members, on whether S25 and its associated meetings should be held by videoconference due to the exceptional circumstances brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Secretariat received 20 replies agreeing to S25 being held virtually and consequently, the exceptional suspension of the Rules of Procedure of the IOTC that presuppose in-person sessions of the Commission. There were 4 replies indicating a preference for an in-person meeting and 1 abstaining.

Twenty replies 'for' meets the two-thirds majority of Members required for the decision to be carried; therefore, S25, CoC18, SCAF18, TCMP04 will proceed by videoconference.

The formats of the remaining IOTC meetings in the 2021 calendar, including the working parties, the TCAC09 and the Scientific Committee are yet to be decided.

Yours sincerely



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