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**IOTC CIRCULAR
2021-61**

Dear Madam / Sir

A COMMUNICATION FROM SOMALIA REGARDING A PROPOSED SPECIAL SESSION OF IOTC

Please find attached a communication from the Federal Republic of Somalia (received 13 October) in response to IOTC Circular 2021-48 *Regarding a proposed special session of the IOTC*.

Yours sincerely

Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Letter from Somalia

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RE: Request to convene a Special Session of IOTC

Dear Dr. O'Brien,

The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources of the Federal Government of Somalia presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), and to the Chairperson of the IOTC Annual Session held virtually from 7th to 11th June 2021.

In response to the IOTC Circular 2021-48 and 2021-49 of 16 September 2021, we request pursuant to Article VI(5) IOTC Agreement and Rule 2(2) of the Rules of Procedure that the Chairperson convene a Special Session of the Commission in November 2021 for the sole purpose of a vote on proposal PropE_Rev2.

In our view, the outcomes of the meetings of the FAD Working Group and the Scientific Committee (to be held in October and December 2021, respectively) are not relevant to the Special Session, the sole purpose of which will be a vote on proposal PropE_Rev2. Therefore, we consider that the proposed date of 17-21 January 2022 for the Special Session would result in an unnecessary delay. We would also like to remind the Chairperson of Rule 4(6) of the Rules of Procedure, according to which the "agenda of a special Session shall consist only of items relating to the purpose for which the Session was called."

We request the Executive Secretary to circulate a copy of this letter to all Members of the IOTC.

The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources of the Federal Government of Somalia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the IOTC the assurance of its highest consideration.

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