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IOTC CIRCULAR 2021-75

Dear Madam / Sir

REGARDING A PROCEDURE FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF THE IOTC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

At its 25th Session in June this year, the Commission agreed on, pending concurrence from the Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council (ICC), a text for a procedure for the recruitment of the IOTC Executive Secretary.

In [IOTC Circular IOTC2021-59](#), I invited Heads of Delegations to consider an alternative text solution provided by the ICC in September, and indicate, by vote, whether they would be in favour of the procedure proposed by the ICC (or wish to continue to negotiate with the FAO).

The deadline to receive votes was midnight, Seychelles time, on 24 October 2021

The result of the vote was as follows:

Total votes received: 10

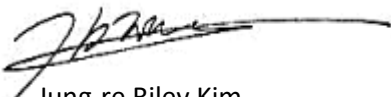
- Votes in favour of accepting the procedure proposed by the ICC: 9
- Votes not in favour of accepting the procedure proposed by the ICC: 1
- Abstentions: 0

This information was passed on to the ICC to present to the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM113) Session on 25-27 October 2021; and the FAO Council (CL168) Session on 29 November – 3 December 2021.

Because the IOTC Executive Secretary is appointed by the Director General FAO (IOTC Agreement VIII.1) the procedure for the recruitment of the Executive Secretary is required to be consistent with the FAO's Basic Texts and approved by the FAO Council. Therefore, formal adoption of the procedure into the IOTC Rules of Procedure by the Commission can only take place after the Council has approved it.

Notwithstanding this, 20 Members (2/3 of the total number of IOTC Members) did not respond to the survey, so it appears that the Commission is still some way off agreeing to the procedure proposed by the ICC. This means that the interim arrangements for the appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies agreed by the FAO Council in 2018 [[click here](#) – see Annex I] will continue to apply to IOTC; although this could be superseded in December by the aforementioned procedure proposed by the ICC (in Appendix 2 of IOTC Circular IOTC2021-59).

Yours sincerely



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