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Dear Madam / Sir

A COMMUNICATION FROM ERITREA

Please find attached a communication from the Government of the State of Eritrea.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- letter from Eritrea

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To: The Secretariat
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

SUBJECT: The State of Eritrea's Membership to The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

Dear Sirs/Madams,

Happy Christmas and New Year

As a member of the august Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) the State of Eritrea, unfortunately though, has neither been an active member of the organization nor did it honored its financial obligation during the last 20 some years due to the unfair, unfounded and unjustified sanctions imposed upon it. Thus considering our extraordinary situation, we here by inform you that Eritrea is withdrawing its membership to the IOTC indefinitely as of the beginning of the year 2022.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

TEWELDE KELATI
MINISTER



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