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Dear Sir/Madam

**REGARDING A CHANGE OF HEAD OF DELEGATION FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM**

Please find attached a communication from the United Kingdom regarding a change of its Head of Delegation to the IOTC.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien  
Executive Secretary

**Attachments:**

- Letter from the United Kingdom

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10 January 2022

**Subject: Change of UK Head of Delegation in 2022**

Dear Chris,

As advanced by email, please accept this letter as confirmation that I am temporarily stepping down from the role of the UK's Head of Delegation to IOTC while I take a period of maternity leave. I will be replaced by my colleague and acting joint Head of Defra's International Fisheries team, Kathryn Holdsworth, with immediate effect.

Kathryn's contact details are as follows: [kathryn.holdsworth@defra.gov.uk](mailto:kathryn.holdsworth@defra.gov.uk),  
0044 (0)7557177559.

Marc Owen ([marc.owen@defra.gov.uk](mailto:marc.owen@defra.gov.uk)) will continue to act as the overall UK Deputy Head of Delegation and tuna RFMO team leader, supported by our lead policy advisor Charlotte Wicker ([charlotte.wicker@defra.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.wicker@defra.gov.uk)) and wider team.

I would appreciate it if you could communicate this information to other IOTC contracting parties at the appropriate time and amend your contact details accordingly.

May I take the opportunity to thank you and your team for all your hard work and support over the last couple of years, and wish you and all IOTC members a happy, healthy and productive 2022.

Warm regards,

Jess Keedy

*Joint Head, International Fisheries, UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)*