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Dear Madam / Sir,

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION REGARDING 3 VESSELS INCLUDED IN THE IOTC IUU VESSELS LIST (ISRAR 1, 2 3)

Please find a communication from the European Union attached.

Yours sincerely

Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Letter from the European Union.

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Brussels, 22 July 2022

**Subject: Vessel Activity Notification – Request for follow-up in relation to
ISRAR 1, 2, 3**

Dear Mr. O'Brien

Following up on the decision made by the Commission during its 26th Session in relation to the vessels ISRAR 1, 2 and 3, the EU would like to urgently draw your attention to the following developments:

- Based on its AIS data, the vessel ISRAR 1 was in the vicinity of Karachi, Pakistan as from 4 July 2022.
- The vessel travelled to that area from the fishing port of Duqm, Oman (departure on June 30 according to the same AIS data).
- It appears that ISRAR 1 may have been taken on land for scrapping in Gadani, Pakistan.
- Current location of the vessels ISRAR 2 and ISRAR 3 is unknown, but previous pattern of operation of these vessels suggest that there is a possibility that they also travelled to Karachi with the ISRAR 1.

We would appreciate if Oman could provide information on:

- The location of the vessels when they were deregistered,
- A possible new flag State for these vessels according to the information submitted by the vessel owner,
- Its intentions to take action vis-à-vis the Omani company that owns / owned the vessels, as Oman stated in their notification to IOTC that “the documentation submitted by owners about the previous history of the vessels was not satisfactory”.

The EU is also requesting Pakistan to confirm the information as regards ISRAR 1 (including possible scrapping) as well as provide any information they may have about ISRAR 2 and ISRAR 3 in its ports or waters. At the same time, the EU is calling on Pakistan to implement the measures established in IOTC Resolution 16/11 on Port State Measures, and to share with the IOTC Secretariat and other CPCs any update that can help preventing the vessel(s) from undertaking IUU fishing activities in the IOTC area.

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We would be grateful if this information could be circulated to all CPCs as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully,

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Delegation to the IOTC