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Dear Madam / Sir

OBJECTION FROM SOMALIA TO IOTC RESOLUTION 23/02

Please find attached a communication from Somalia regarding its objection, in accordance to Article IX (5) of the IOTC Agreement, to [Resolution 23-02](#) *On Management of Drifting Fish Aggregating Devices (DFADs) in the IOTC area of competence*, which was adopted at the 6th Special Session of the IOTC.

Given a previous objection, an extension period of 60 days has already been applied to the date when Resolution 23/02 will come into force. Thus, Resolution 23/02 will come into force on 8 August 2023, unless a total of more than one-third of the members also object, before this time. Somalia's objection is the fourth to be received.

The relevant paragraphs (5, 6 and 7) of Article IX on the ensuing process are reproduced herein for your reference.

5. Any Member of the Commission may, within 120 days from the date specified or within such other period as may be specified by the Commission under paragraph 4, object to a conservation and management measure adopted under paragraph 1. A Member of the Commission which has objected to a measure shall not be bound thereby. Any other Member of the Commission may similarly object within a further period of 60 days from the expiry of the 120-day period. A Member of the Commission may also withdraw its objection at any time and become bound by the measure immediately if the measure is already in effect or at such time as it may come into effect under this article.

6. If objections to a measure adopted under paragraph 1 are made by more than one-third of the Members of the Commission, the other Members shall not be bound by that measure; but this shall not preclude any or all of them from giving effect thereto.

7. The Secretary shall notify each Member of the Commission immediately upon receipt of each objection or withdrawal of objection.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- letter from Somalia

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND BLUE ECONOMY
OFFICE OF THE STATE MINISTER

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Date: -06/03/2023

TO: INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION (IOTC)

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Subject: Objection Resolution 23/02, following Article IX.5 of the IOTC Agreement.

Dear Dr. O'Brien,

The Purpose of this official letter is to refer to Indian Ocean Tuna Commission Resolution 2023/02 on management of drifting aggregating devices (DFADs) in the IOTC area of competence, adopted at the Special Session (SS6) of the Commission.

Therefore, We hereby notify the Commission of Somalia's objection to Resolution 23/02, following Article IX.5 of the Agreement.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this decision to all Commission members.

Best regards,,

Hon, Mohamed Bashir Ali
State Minister

