

## **IOTC-2023-S27-INF05**

It is to inform with regards to non-compliances of Pakistan in Compliance Committee of IOTC that unprecedented monsoon rains from June to August 2022 have caused widespread flooding and landslides across Pakistan, affecting millions of people. As per the assessment of World Bank estimated damages exceed USD 14.9 billion and cumulative economic losses to reach approximately USD 15.2 billion.

In these devastating times of flood, the systems which were established by Pakistan for data collection and reporting have been badly affected, destroyed and wiped out. It is pertinent to mention that Pakistan diligently started to submit reports to IOTC from the year 2016 and things have changed considerably from year 2016 to 2021. In this current year,

Pakistan has not been able to report to IOTC due to the aforementioned reason. Pakistan tried and managed to complete all the reporting requirements of IOTC and the same is in the process of verification and validation in the country. Hopefully, Pakistan will be able to submit all the reports by late July or August.

It is reiterated and affirmed that just like many previous years Pakistan is committed to comply with all the applicable obligations of IOTC. In this context, Pakistan has approached and requested many International Agencies like FAO and WTO for assistance in rehabilitation of data collection and reporting systems.

Availing this opportunity, Pakistan would like to request European Union and countries like Japan, Korea and China in the system of IOTC to extend their support in developing the aforementioned systems which would enable Pakistan to report to IOTC efficiently and effectively.

It is requested that the above clarification may be included in the report.