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Dear Madam / Sir

POSTPONEMENT OF THE 7TH IOTC WORKING GROUP ON FADS MEETING

As you are aware, the 7th meeting of the Working Group on FADs (WGFAD07) was scheduled to be held online from October 1-4 2024.

Despite several notifications and reminders, the Secretariat has not received any submissions of papers by the official deadline (1 September). As such, the Co-Chairs of the WGFAD and the SC Chair after discussion with the Secretariat have taken the decision to postpone the 7th Session of the WGFAD until 2025.

However, I want to emphasize the importance of discussing FAD-related issues, as outlined in [Resolution 24/02](#). These issues will now be addressed at the upcoming [Working Party on Tropical Tunas \(WPTT\)](#) meeting, to be held from the 28 October - 2 November. I strongly encourage participants to prepare and submit papers for the WPTT meeting to ensure these matters receive the necessary attention as requested by the Commission.

Thank you for your understanding and collaboration. We look forward to your valuable contributions at the WPTT meeting.

Yours sincerely

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Attachments:

- None

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