

**INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM**  
**WORKING GROUP TO PROMOTE AND PUBLICIZE THE AIDCP**  
**DOLPHIN SAFE TUNA CERTIFICATION SYSTEM**  
**MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING (REVISED)**

**La Jolla, California (EE.UU.)**  
**25 de octubre de 2007**

**AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of chair
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting
4. Actions to promote AIDCP dolphin safe tuna
5. Other business
6. Date and place of next meeting
7. Adjournment

**1. Opening of the meeting**

Dr. Luis Fleischer of Mexico, who chaired the previous meeting, asked for nominations for the chair.

**2. Election of Chair**

Mexico, seconded by El Salvador and Venezuela, proposed Dr. William Hogarth, of the United States. The United States said that he was not present, nor was he part of the delegation normally assigned to the AIDCP, and so the United States could not accept the nomination of Dr. Hogarth. The meeting then elected Lic. Bernal Chavarría, of Costa Rica as chair of the Working Group.

**3. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented

**4. Approval of the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Mexico and El Salvador had observations about the minutes of the previous meeting, and they were duly modified.

**5. Actions to promote AIDCP dolphin safe tuna**

El Salvador indicated that it was important to promote the benefits of sustainable tuna, regardless of the label it was given, so promotion should not be only of the label but also of the entire AIDCP and its successes. She indicated that a promotion event had not yet been achieved in the United States.

Mexico supported El Salvador's statements. The United States responded that consultations were being held, but domestic legislation is not consistent with the AIDCP label; no decisions have been taken on which promotion options can be taken, but the United States continued to be committed to this program, which is not only about the label but also about conservation of the resources and of the dolphins.

Mexico expressed its disappointment with this situation, and asked that the alternatives for solving the problem be identified in the United States. He said that the United States had not accepted the commitment that was made with the negotiation of the AIDCP, which is a binding agreement, rather than voluntary like the Declaration of Panama. He proposed that an alternative label be worked on, represented by an emblem that would not present the United States with legal problems.

The Chair noted that there was consensus on working towards a more profound strategy for assessing the promotion, and that the development of a plan aimed at achieving greater depth and coverage of the promotion and publicizing of the IDCP should be recommended for submission to the Meeting of the Parties. Guidelines for the development of plan were agreed (Appendix 2).

**6. Other business**

There was no other business.

**7. Date and place of next meeting**

The next meeting of the working group will be held in conjunction with the AIDCP meetings in Panama in June 2008.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

## Appendix 1.

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## **Appendix 2.**

Refer to the Meeting of the Parties the recommendation of agreeing to develop, by consensus, upon considering the terms of the prospective draft, a plan and its implementation, aimed at achieving greater depth and coverage of the promotion and publicizing of the International Dolphin Conservation Program.

The Working Group, on the basis of a program that the Chairman will prepare in consultation with the parties, shall review at its next meeting any proposed content. If consensus on a plan is reached, the Working Group will prepare an implementation schedule for the above-mentioned plan for its eventual approval.

Considering the importance of this matter, and provided that consultations between the most interested parties, which they agree to engage in, will show to the Chair that there are real prospects for making progress to develop a plan, convene the Working Group to Promote and Publicize the AIDCP Dolphin Safe Tuna Certification System at an extraordinary meeting to be held on the occasion of the next ordinary or extraordinary meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission.