

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

**RESOLUTION
TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT ON THE
INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

20 JUNE 2001

The Parties to the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation (AIDCP), at the 5th Meeting of the Parties, held June 15, 2001, in San Salvador, El Salvador:

Reiterating their commitment to further the goals and objectives of the AIDCP, through its effective implementation,

Desiring to promote the implementation of the procedures of the AIDCP Dolphin Safe Tuna Certification,

Have agreed to:

1. Take action, through the mechanisms of the AIDCP and through their respective competent national authorities, to promote full compliance with the obligations of the AIDCP and, in particular, achieve the elimination of infractions of the AIDCP, especially the use of explosives in sets where dolphins are present.
2. Provide the International Review Panel (IRP), no later than August 31, 2001, with information on the sanctions applicable for infractions of the obligations established by the AIDCP and ensure that such sanctions are consistent with the provisions of Article XVI, paragraph 2, of the AIDCP.
3. Conduct an annual review of the level of all major and other infractions and to take further action, collectively as well as through their respective competent national authorities, to reduce the level of infractions to the lowest possible levels.
4. Revise the List of Infractions to elevate the “use of explosives when fishing on dolphins” and “the fishing captain assigned to a DML vessel is not on the AIDCP list of qualified fishing captains” from “other” to “major” infractions.
5. In the event that the level of infractions in general, or of any particular infraction, by vessels operating under the jurisdiction of a Party rises to a level that the Parties, through the IRP, determine undermines the effectiveness of the provisions of the AIDCP, the IRP may recommend that the Parties, working cooperatively and in respect of national sovereignty, seek ways to promote and encourage efforts by that Party to reduce the level of infractions and improve compliance with the AIDCP.
6. This resolution shall enter into force thirty days from the date of its adoption.