

## MINUTE

adopted at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the 1949 Convention for the Establishment of an Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, at its 63<sup>rd</sup> Meeting, held at Guayaquil, Ecuador, on June 8-10, 1999, taking note of the interest of the European Community in becoming party to the Convention, reached agreement on the Protocol to Amend the 1949 Convention for the Establishment of an Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, the text of which is attached to this Minute. The original of the Protocol was opened for signature in Guayaquil at the conclusion of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Parties and thereafter will remain open for signature by all Contracting Parties at Washington. Noting that the Protocol requires ratification, acceptance, approval or accession by all Parties to the Convention, the Representatives stated their intention to recommend to their respective governments to implement the internal procedures necessary for the ratification, acceptance, approval or accession so as to ensure the entry into force of the Protocol at the earliest possible time.