The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), meeting in San Salvador, El Salvador, on the occasion of its 68th Meeting:

Recognizing the importance of addressing in an effective manner the issue of fishing in the eastern Pacific Ocean by vessels of States or entities that are not members of the Commission;

Understanding that the Parties to the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP) are also concerned about this issue with regard to States or entities which are not Party to that Agreement;

Acknowledging that the principles involved in the questions to be addressed by the Parties to the AIDCP and the members of the IATTC are similar;

Has agreed as follows:

1. To recommend to the Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP the establishment a joint working group with the Commission for the purpose of addressing, in a cooperative manner, the matter of fishing in the region by vessels under the jurisdiction of non-Parties to either the AIDCP or the IATTC Convention.

2. To seek agreement with the Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP on the terms of reference for such a working group.

3. To ensure that any recommendations emanating from this working group shall reflect the provisions and objectives of the IATTC Convention or the AIDCP, as appropriate.