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INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC)

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**MEMORANDUM**

5 April 2024  
Ref.: 0151-410

To: Commissioners and Heads of Delegation  
c.c.: Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia and Liberia

From: Celia Barroso, Co-Chair  
Guillermo Moran, Co-Chair  
Arnulfo Franco, Director

Re: *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Electronic Monitoring (EMWG) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting (23-25 April 2024) (by videoconference) – objectives, participation and arrangements - Corrigendum

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As publicized on the IATTC website, please be reminded that, as proposed by the Co-Chairs, the second meeting of the Working Group (EMWG) will be held **by videoconference** on **Tuesday 23, Wednesday 24, and Thursday 25 April 2024**, from **3 PM to 6 PM**, San Diego local time, each day.

Please find attached the provisional **agenda** (Annex 1)

**A. Objectives:**

The general objective of the meeting is to develop preliminary recommendations to the IATTC on interim electronic monitoring minimum standards.

The 1st EMWG meeting was held 27-28 November 2023, during which it was decided that the EMWG would first consider interim minimum standards intended to inform national pilot programs that begin while the IATTC considers a future EM program. As a result of those discussions and to prepare for the 2nd EMWG meeting, the Co-Chairs will provide a proposal of minimum standards prepared with assistance from the IATTC Scientific Staff.

As discussed during the 1st EMWG meeting, the preliminary recommendations will be forwarded to the IATTC Scientific Staff and Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC). In accordance with

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paragraph 4.a. of resolution C-22-07 (Establishment of an ad hoc Working Group on Electronic Monitoring). Any IATTC Scientific Staff and SAC recommendations on the interim standards will be considered by the EMWG during its next meeting to be held in person in advance of the 102nd Meeting of the IATTC, when the EMWG will develop final recommendations to the IATTC on interim minimum standards for electronic monitoring.

## **B. Participation:**

It is important that all CPCs designate as soon as possible the delegations that will participate in that 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the EMWG, including the designation of respective Heads and alternate Heads of delegation. Relevant IGOs and accredited NGOs are also encouraged to participate as observers. In addition, it is understood that the Co-Chairs may identify and invite individual experts as well as representatives of other relevant entities such as companies that have experience in the field. As usual, a registration form is posted on the meeting website to allow for each participant from CPCs to register individually. This registration form can also be used for the designated representatives of IGOs and NGOs. It would be most appreciated if each CPC, IGO and NGO interested in participating send the list of their representatives, including Head and alternate Head of delegation, to Ms. Monica Galvan, Assistant to the Director, at [mgalvan@iattc.org](mailto:mgalvan@iattc.org)

## **C. Arrangements:**

- a) The EMWG real second meeting will be held by **videoconference**, utilizing the **Zoom platform**. An invitation to join will be sent individually to each registered participant. As indicated above, the meeting will be held on **23, 24 and 25 April 2024**. Each session will have a duration of three hours and will start at **3 PM PST (UTC -8)** to finalize around **6 PM PST (UTC -8)**. **Languages:** English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation.
- b) Consistent with the provisions for the provisions of Resolution C- 20-01, that established ad hoc procedures for the 95<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Commission by videoconference, as well as the practice of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies for such virtual meetings, it is useful to remind the participants of the following practical arrangements for their interventions during the meeting:
  1. **Use of microphone and video camera:** All participants shall keep their microphone and camera off and switch them on only when the Co-Chairs have given them the floor.
  2. **Taking the floor::**

- Only the Head of Delegation, or, if he/she is not present, his/her alternate, may request to speak, even for the purpose of giving the floor to advisers or experts from the same delegation.
- When requesting the floor, only the mechanism designated for this purpose in the technological platform may be used.
- No participant may speak unless expressly authorized by the Co-Chairs.
- At the opening of the meeting, the Co-Chairs shall determine the conditions under which interventions will be made.
- When giving the floor to a participant, the Co-Chairs shall ask the participant to identify himself/herself and the Member, Cooperating Non-Member or Observer which he/she represents.
- The participant, after activating the microphone and the video camera, shall endeavor to speak slowly and clearly to facilitate the efficient functioning of the interpretation service.
- At the end of his/her intervention, the delegate shall switch off his/her microphone and video camera; if he/she does not do so, the Secretariat shall do so remotely.
- The Co-Chairs may request the intervention of a member of the staff of the Commission or an invited expert, or of any one of the participants, whenever they deem it relevant.

Annex: as indicated. -

**Annex 1**

**INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**  
***AD HOC* WORKING GROUP ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING**  
**By videoconference**  
**23-25 April 2024**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

	Documents
1. Opening of the meeting	
2. Adoption of the agenda	
3. Review of the results of the 6 <sup>th</sup> and last Electronic Monitoring (EM) Workshop and of the 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting of the EMS Working Group	
4. Review of draft minimum standards for EMS in the Antigua Convention area	
5. Other business	
6. Venue, format, and timing of next meeting of the EM Working Group	
7. Adjournment	