

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

47th MEETING OF THE PARTIES

**La Jolla, California
10-11 October 2023**

AMENDMENT TO ANNEX VIII OF THE AIDCP

PROPOSED CHAIR'S TEXT

Background

The IATTC Secretariat has recently encountered a situation not foreseen in the current text of Annex VIII of the AIDCP, "*Operational Requirements for Vessels*", derived from technological developments that had not been foreseen at the time of its negotiation..

Specifically, paragraph 2 e. of that Annex establishes as a requirement:

“e. Have an operable long-range, high-intensity floodlight with a sodium lamp of at least 1000 watts or a multivapor lamp of at least 1500 watts.”

Neither the negotiators of this provision nor the Parties ever contemplated the possibility of achieving the same illumination through the use of other technologies, in this case LED lamps which already some vessel owners would like to legally use as an alternative system to those mentioned in the text of Annex VIII..

The Secretariat has prepared a draft amendment that would satisfactorily and in a simple manner resolve this situation in the interest of an appropriate update of the Annex without undermining compliance with its objectives..

Taking into account the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article XXX of the AIDCP, on "*Amendments*", which reads::

“Unless the Parties decide otherwise, the Annexes to this Agreement may be amended, by consensus, at any Meeting of the Parties. Unless otherwise agreed, amendments to an Annex shall enter into force for all Parties upon adoption.”,

I propose that the Parties at their 47th meeting adopt the following amendment as stated in the draft resolution reproduced below:

**DRAFT RESOLUTION
AMENDMENT TO ANNEX VIII OF THE AIDCP**

The Parties to the AIDCP gathered in occasion of their 47th meeting in La Jolla, California, USA,

Agree that:

1. The text of paragraph 2, subparagraph e, of Annex VIII of the AIDCP be amended by adding the following words: "*, or an LED lamp of at least 500 watts*", so that subparagraph e reads as follows::

” e. Have an operable long-range, high-intensity floodlight with a sodium lamp of at least 1000 watts or a multivapor lamp of at least 1500 watts, or an LED lamp of at least 500 watts.”

2. In accordance with the provisions of Article XXX, paragraph 3, of the AIDCP, this amendment shall enter into force immediately for all Parti.