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PROPOSAL IATTC-92 K-1

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PROPOSAL FOR CONTRIBUTION BY THE IATTC TO THE AIDCP

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), gathered in Mexico City, Mexico, on the occasion of its 92nd meeting:

Believing that it is useful to strengthen the link between the IATTC and the AIDCP observer program;

Highlighting that the AIDCP observer program for its achievements has gained international recognition;

Noting with satisfaction that, in accordance with the objectives of the AIDCP, a significant reduction in the mortality of dolphins has been achieved and maintained for many years, which indicates that the fishery for tunas with purse seines does not generate negative pressure on the stocks of dolphins in the EPO;

Recognising that, through the international observer program established by the AIDCP, the IATTC acquires valuable data and information on the purse-seine fishery for tuna related to the catches of target species and also of the other associated and dependent species and bycatches, data which together support the achievement of the objectives of the Commission under the mandate of the Antigua Convention;

Taking into account that the 30% level of financing, was established in 1997 by the Commission and that it has not been increased since then;

Agrees:

1. To increase financing for the AIDCP program based on the forecast costs of the On-Board Observer Program. The amount of the IATTC portion of the costs related to the AIDCP program shall correspond to 40% of the budget starting in 2019 and until the Commission so decides and modifies according to need.