AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

16TH MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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AIDCP BUDGET

1. INTRODUCTION

This document presents the forecast expenditure and revenue for 2006 compared to that presented to the 15th Meeting of the Parties in June 2006 (Document <u>MOP-15-08</u>).

The 2005 Resolution on financing the AIDCP (<u>A-05-01</u>) raised the vessel assessment rate for 2006 from US\$ 12.552 to US\$ 14.184 per cubic meter of well volume; it also provided that the assessments of those vessels whose well volume had been verified should be based on that verified well volume rather than the estimated well volume, which was generally larger. An additional measure to balance the AIDCP budget was taken in the 2006 Resolution on financing the AIDCP (<u>A-06-01</u>) by immediately raising the rate from US\$ 14.184 to US\$ 14.95/m³.

Table 1 shows the predicted costs and revenues for 2006, as presented in Document <u>MOP-15-08</u>, and estimates updated through 31 August 2006. 2006 revenue is based on actual assessments paid by vessels covered by the AIDCP (over 363 t capacity) and small vessels, plus surcharges both paid and outstanding as of 31 August 2006.

The adjusted projected revenue for 2006 differs from that reported in Document MOP-15-08 because some assessments were received subsequent to the preparation of that document.

2. CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

The current forecast shows decreased expenditure and increased revenue leading to a reduction in the expected deficit from US\$ 177,553 to US\$ 61,205 for 2006.

3. DEFICITS

The AIDCP budget was in deficit from 2002 to 2004. The deficits for each year and the accumulated deficit are:

	US\$
2002	(221,640)
2003	(273,356)
2004	(107,215)
2005	146,762
Total	(455,449)

The total anticipated accumulated deficit at the end of 2006 is now US\$ 516,654, US\$ 116,349 less than in Document MOP-15-08.

4. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF REVENUE

In Document MOP-15-08, the Secretariat recommended that the income from charges for small and inactive vessels and late payment fees, introduced as a step in reducing budget deficits, remain with the Secretariat and no longer be included as part of the amount reimbursed to the national programs. The 15th Meeting of the Parties did not reach a decision on this, and the recommendation is therefore presented again in this paper.

In 2006, this would have resulted in retaining approximately US\$ 50,000, thus converting the current

year's anticipated deficit into a surplus of about US \$37,000.

5. CLARIFICATION REGARDING SURCHARGES FOR LATE PAYMENTS

Paragraph 9 of Resolution A-03-01 states that "any vessel that does not pay the required assessment by the corresponding date shall be required to pay a surcharge of 10% of the assessment." . It is the Secretariat's opinion that it was not the intent of the Parties that vessels entering the fleet for the first time after the specified dates should pay this surcharge, but would like to have further clarification on when to apply these surcharges to vessel assessments.

TABLE 1. IDCP: Allocation of costs, 2006 Particular

TABLA 1. PICD: Distribución de costos, 2006

		Doc MOP-15-08 (June 2006)	Adjusted (31 AUG 2006)
(US\$)	See Table 2 Ver Tabla 2	(projected—proyectados)	
COSTS-COSTOS:			
Covered at 70%-Cubiertos al 70%			
Gross costs-Costos brutos:			
Observers (wages, travel, equipment, training)			
Observadores (sueldos, viajes, equipo, entrenamiento)	A	1,455,540	1,484,262
IATTC scientific staff (part)		,,	, - , -
Personal científico de la CIAT (porción)	В	736,502	736,502
IATTC field office staff and facilities (part)			,
Personal e instalaciones de las oficinas regionales de la CIAT	С		
(porción)		327,508	268,445
Subtotal		2,519,550	2,489,209
70% of/del subtotal		1,763,685	1,742,447
Covered at 100%-Cubiertos al 100%			
Net alignments (travel)	Е		
Alineamientos de la red (viajes)	E	2,026	5,699
Seminars for captains and crew (travel)	F		
Cursos de entrenamiento para capitanes y tripulantes (viajes)	Г	400	400
IATTC administrative staff (part)	G		
Personal administrativo de la CIAT (porción)	G	333,780	333,780
Miscellaneous administrative costs	н		
Costos de administración misceláneos		17,621	13,281
Meetings of Parties and IRP (including staff travel)	I		
Reuniones de las Partes y del PIR (incluye viajes del personal)	1	34,380	12,377
Dolphin-safe certification	J		
Certificación dolphin safe	J	700	700
TOTAL COSTS – TOTAL DE COSTOS		2,152,592	2,108,684
REVENUE-INGRESOS:			
Total vessel assessments			
Total de cuotas de buques		1,935,132	1,944,636
Late fees plus Small and inactive vessel income			
Recargos mas Ingresos de buques pequeños e inactivos		39,906	102,843
Net alignments			
Alineamientos de la red			
Dolphin safe certificates			
Certificados dolphin safe			
Captains seminars			
Cursos de entrenamiento			
TOTAL REVENUE – TOTAL DE INGRESOS		1,975,038	2,047,479
Surplus (deficit) – Superávit (déficit)		(177,554)	(61,205)