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COOPERATING NON-PARTIES OR FISHING ENTITIES

In 2004 the IATTC and the AIDCP Parties adopted parallel resolutions, [C-04-02](#) and [A-04-08](#), which establish the criteria for attaining the status of cooperating non-Party or cooperating fishing entity in the respective organizations. These criteria include requirements relating to the provision of information, compliance with conservation and management measures, and participation in meetings. In 2007 the IATTC adopted Resolution [C-07-02](#), which replaced C-04-02.

The resolutions establish that each year, the Director (Secretariat) shall contact all non-parties and fishing entities with vessels known to be fishing for covered species to urge them to become a Party to the IATTC (AIDCP) or to attain the status of a Cooperating Non-Party or Cooperating Fishing Entity (Cooperating Status).

The resolutions further establish that any non-party or fishing entity that seeks to be accorded Cooperating Status shall apply to the Director (Secretariat) requesting such status. Such requests must be received by the Director (Secretariat) no later than ninety (90) days in advance of an annual meeting of the Commission (Parties) in order to be considered at that meeting.

The resolutions also state that the Joint Working Group on Fishing by Non-Parties shall be responsible for reviewing requests for Cooperating Status and for recommending to the Commission (Parties) whether an applicant should receive Cooperating Status.

At its 80th meeting in June 2009, the IATTC approved the recommendation made by the Joint Working Group that the cooperating non-Parties to the IATTC in 2010 would be Belize, Canada, China, Cook Islands, Kiribati and the European Union. Chinese Taipei was determined to be a cooperating fishing entity. Belize, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei and the European Union are now members of the Commission.

Article XXVI of the Antigua Convention states that “... *The Commission and its members shall encourage all States and regional economic integration organizations ... and, as appropriate, fishing entities ... that are not members of the Commission to become members or to adopt laws and regulations consistent with the Convention*” Accordingly, the Secretariat sent letters to Cook Islands, Honduras, and Kiribati.

The Secretariat received an application from Kiribati for Cooperating Non-Party Status to the IATTC in 2010. The Secretariat is not aware of any reasons why this status should not be granted; Kiribati meets the requirements established in Resolution C-07-02.