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PROPOSAL IATTC-102 F-1

SUBMITTED BY
BELIZE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR,
GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA, PANAMA AND PERÚ¹

RESOLUTION C-24-XX

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Paragraph 6 of Resolution 15-05 provides that the Commission's funding formula shall remain in effect unless a Member indicates that the formula is no longer appropriate and requests that a new contribution formula be considered at the following annual meeting of the IATTC. This condition was met at the 101st meeting in Victoria, British Columbia, in 2023. The proposing countries, in accordance with the spirit of this resolution and the need to secure budgetary resources, recognize that the reasons for dissatisfaction with the formula are that the determination of the factor derived from Gross National Income (GNI) is a macroeconomic index that does not reflect the current state of wealth of the contributing sector (fisheries), that the categories indicated in the formula do not adequately distribute the burdens among the contributing parties and that the variations in GNI from one year to the next do not represent a stable wealth reality. A modification of the formula is proposed with variations in (a) broadening the factors by increasing the categories to 7 to ensure an appropriately proportional contribution to the country indexes, (b) revising the figures that determine the limits of the ranges, and (c) using a five-year average of GNI instead of an annual update. In addition, it is proposed that the proportional distribution of the catch and utilization components be revised, with options between brackets, and that Cooperating non-Members enjoying fishing rights contribute to the budget in response to the scientific and management benefits they receive from the Commission. In terms of validity, the measure is assumed to be stable for 3 years with automatic extensions under the same scheme as the measure being amended.

AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION C-15-05 ON *AD HOC* FINANCING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024-2027 AND BEYOND

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), gathered in Guayaquil, Ecuador, on the occasion of its 89th Meeting:

Recognizing the importance of equity and stability in the calculation of the contributions of Members to the Commission's budget, and of fully funding the work of the Commission so that it may fulfill its duties and responsibilities;

Giving due consideration to the principle that the proportion of the expenses paid by each Member should be equitable, transparent, and related to its proportion of the total catch and utilization of tunas from the Convention Area and other components of the formula used to calculate the contributions, as well as to the consensus of the Members ~~that on~~ other factors that should be considered in determining their proportional

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contributions; and

Taking into account the relevant provisions of the Antigua Convention;

Resolves as follows:

1. The following elements shall be used in the determination of the contributions of Members and Cooperating non-Members to the IATTC budget until such time as a Member requests review and revision of the contribution formula as provided for in paragraph 6 of this Resolution:
 - a) Each Member and Cooperating non-Member's contribution shall be calculated as follows: 10% of the total budget, minus any special contribution, divided equally among all the Members and Cooperating non-Member (base contribution); the remaining 90% is shared among the Members and Cooperating non-Member, weighted by Gross National Income (GNI) category as published by the World Bank, as follows:
 - i. An operational component (10%);
 - ii. The catches by their flag vessels measured in metric tons ([10%] [55] [60] %);(70%);
 - iii. The ~~ir~~ utilization of tuna ~~from~~ caught in the Convention Area measured in metric tons ([10] [25] [20]%) (10%).

GNI Category	GNI range <u>average of the last five years</u> (US\$)
0.5	< 1,499
1	1,500 - 4,499
2	4,500 - 6,499 <u>7,499</u>
3	6 <u>7,500 - 11,499</u>
4	11,000 500 - 15,999
5	16,000 -20,999
5-56 <u>6</u>	≥21,000 <u>26,499</u>
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Table 1. GNI categories used for allocating contributions

- b) The weighting factors used in calculating contributions shall be the same as the GNI categories described in Table 1.
 - ~~b)~~ c) The GNI applicable to each Member or Cooperating non-Member shall be determined on the basis of the average GNI of the last five years, calculated in the year of payment of the contribution.
 - ~~c)~~ d) Each Member and Cooperating non-Member's catch contribution shall be based on the annual average of the catches by its flag vessels in the three most recent years for which catch data are available to the Commission.
 - ~~d)~~ e) In the determination of a Member or Cooperating non-Member's utilization, 50% of the tuna loins included in the calculation shall be attributed to the Member that exported the loins and 50% to the Member that imported them.
 - ~~e)~~ f) In the case of a Member or Cooperating non-Member that is also a member of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, only 50% of catches made by its flag vessels in the overlap area between the two Commissions shall be included in the calculation of that Member's contribution based on catch.
2. That the Director shall inform each Member or Cooperating non-Member, at least two months prior to the annual meeting, of its projected contribution for the following ~~two~~ fiscal years.

3. That the contributions of any new Member or Cooperating non-Member of the Commission shall be determined on the same basis as the contributions of existing Members, subject to the Commission's financial regulations.
- ~~4. That all IATTC non Members which have vessels fishing for fish covered by the Convention, should make, and request their flag vessels to make, voluntary contributions to the Commission, preferably on the same basis as the contributions of existing Members.~~
4. The payment of contributions by Cooperating non-Members of the IATTC shall be a prerequisite for maintaining this status.
5. To invite non-governmental organizations interested in the work of the IATTC to make contributions to the Commission's budget.
6. This *ad hoc* formula shall be used to calculate Members' contributions to the IATTC budget for the years ~~2013-2017~~2025-2027, and indefinitely thereafter, unless a Member indicates that the formula is no longer appropriate and requests that a new contribution formula be considered at the following Annual Meeting of the IATTC. Any Member making a request to reconsider this formula is encouraged to provide an explanation to the Commission of the reasons for its dissatisfaction with it.
7. This resolution replaces Resolution C-~~12-04~~15-05.