

**INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

**85<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**Veracruz, Veracruz (Mexico)**

**10-14 June 2013**

**PROPOSAL IATTC-85 M-1**

**SUBMITTED BY COSTA RICA**

**AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION C-11-07 ON THE PROCESS FOR  
IMPROVED COMPLIANCE WITH RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY  
THE COMMISSION**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The effectiveness of the efforts made by CPCs to reach the management goals assumed within the IATTC, depends in great measure on the effective implementation by all CPCs of the management measures developed by the Commission. Precisely for that reason it is considered that the role of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of Measures Adopted by the Commission (the Committee) constitutes one of the most important strengthening elements that the Antigua Convention introduced.

In accordance with the principles of international law, the cooperation among States assumed in the context of a Regional Fisheries Management Organization, must recognize that the processes of comparison of compliance standards respond to a dynamic of constant improvement, in view of the inequality of the effective capacities of all the member countries; for that reason, in the second paragraph of Resolution C-11-07 in force, it was understood that the level of compliance needs to be improved and in that measure the elements were established in this resolution that would facilitate "a better compliance with the resolutions adopted by the Commission".

Resolution C-11-07 in force develops with absolute clarity that the scrutiny to which the CPCs subject themselves has as its objective identifying histories of compliance and areas of possible improvement, in order to facilitate with this information, the development of the processes of improvement in each CPC in need of it; with this basis, the resolution aspires to the CPCs, when answering the respective annual questionnaire, carrying out an in-depth evaluation rooted in concrete reality. However, the resolution does not develop the guarantees necessary for the information submitted to the Committee and discussed therein, to be covered by the IATTC rules of confidentiality.

Costa Rica, as a Member of the IATTC and in the exercise of the Presidency *pro tempore* of the Organismo del Sector Pesquero y Acuicola Centroamericano (OSPESCA), in dealing with the points of the meeting held in this Central American Forum, submits for discussion by the CPCs this partial amendment of Resolution C-11-07, in order to guarantee that the information reviewed and discussed in the Committee, is covered by the rules of confidentiality and cannot be used in any form outside the IATTC, unless the commission so authorizes, a proposal developed in the terms proposed below:

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*The Commission agrees:*

TO ADD TO PARAGRAPH B) (d) of Resolution C-11-07, a second paragraph so that in full it would read:

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- d) The Director shall circulate all the filled-in questionnaires to all CPCs one month prior to the Committee meeting. The Director shall also circulate to all CPCs, one month prior to the Committee meeting, the list of names and flags of the fishing vessels involved in the possible non-compliance cases as well as the response of the flag CPCs to such cases.

The information that is used for analysis and discussion by the Committee shall be subject to the IATTC rules of confidentiality and may not be used nor divulged outside the Committee or the meetings of the Commission, unless the Commission decides otherwise.