

**INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**  
**87<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Lima (Peru)  
14-18 July 2014

**PROPOSAL IATTC-87 B-1**

**SUBMITTED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION**  
**REVISION OF IATTC RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The discussions held in the context of the 85th and 86th IATTC Annual Meetings have shown that it is advisable to update the IATTC Rules of Procedure in order to address circumstances not currently foreseen, notably, all situations where, due to a variety of reasons, the Director is not in office.

In line with Article XII.1 of the Antigua Convention<sup>1</sup>, the proposal also envisages to limit the office of the Director to two consecutive terms in order to promote rotation, different programs and a variety of management styles.

**IATTC RULES OF PROCEDURE**

[...]

**VI. DIRECTOR**

20. The Commission shall establish criteria and procedures to appoint a Director, whose competence in the field of the Convention is established and generally recognized, in particular in its scientific, technical and administrative aspects. In the appointment of the Director, the views of the Members shall be expressed through a secret ballot should one of the Members so request.

The terms and functions of the Director shall be pursuant to Article XII of the Convention. The Director shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

21. In case of absence, death, accident, resignation, expiration of the term, or any other circumstance that prevents the effective performance of the duties related to the post, the Director shall be replaced by the highest ranking officer of the Secretariat. Should the highest ranking officer become unavailable, the duties will be undertaken by the next higher ranking officer and so forth consecutively.

[further renumbering of the remaining paragraphs]

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<sup>1</sup> Article XII.1: “[...] The term of the Director shall be of 4 years, and he may be reappointed as many times as the Commission decides”.