

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION  
COMISIÓN INTERAMERICANA DEL ATÚN TROPICAL

**70<sup>a</sup> REUNION - 70<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

ANTIGUA (GUATEMALA)  
24-27 JUN 2003

RESOLUTION C-03-02

RESOLUTION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE  
STRENGTHENING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA  
COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY THE 1949 CONVENTION BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA  
RICA

ANTIGUA CONVENTION

*The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission:*

*Recalling* the Resolution it adopted at its 61<sup>st</sup> Meeting in June 1998 on the establishment of a Working Group to review the IATTC Convention;

*Having received* the report of that Working Group, including the text of a draft Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica;

*Adopts* the “Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica” (hereinafter the “Antigua Convention”).

*Invites* the High Contracting Parties to the 1949 Convention to sign, ratify, accept, approve or accede to the Antigua Convention as soon as possible.

*Notes* that nothing in the Antigua Convention should be interpreted as prejudicing the rights of the States involved in a dispute of sovereignty or in the delimitation of the maritime areas concerned.

*Decides* that Parties to the 1949 Convention that have not consented to be bound by the Antigua Convention upon its entry into force shall be deemed to remain members of the Commission unless such a Party to the 1949 Convention elects not to remain a member of the Commission by so notifying the Depositary in writing prior to the entry into force of the Antigua Convention.

*Also decides* that a Party electing not to remain a member of the Commission after the entry into force of the Antigua Convention shall do so by denouncing the 1949 Convention, in accordance with Article V, paragraph 4 thereof.

*Requests* the Depositary to inform the Parties to the 1949 Convention when the conditions for entry into force of the Antigua Convention have been met and remind them of the relevant provisions of this resolution.

*Calls upon* the fishing entities referred to in Article XXVIII of the Antigua Convention to sign the instrument and/or provide the written communication referred to in that Article, drafted in accordance with the texts attached to this resolution as Annexes A, B and C.

## ANNEX A. INSTRUMENT FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF FISHING ENTITIES

### The following fishing entity:

**Considering** that multilateral cooperation constitutes the most effective means for achieving the objectives of conservation and sustainable use of living marine resources;

**Committed** to ensuring the long-term conservation and the sustainable use of fish stocks covered by the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Established by the 1949 Convention Between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica (“Antigua Convention”);

**Recognizing** the significant efforts and the outstanding achievements of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, as well as the importance of its work in the tuna fisheries in the Eastern Pacific Ocean;

**Considering that** the aforementioned objectives could best be achieved through the widest possible participation in the work of the Commission;

**Considering** the provisions of Article XXVIII of the Antigua Convention;

**Hereby declares** its firm commitment, subject to the transmittal of the written communication referred to in Article XXVIII, paragraph 1(b) of the Antigua Convention, drafted in accordance with Annex B of the *Resolution on the Adoption of the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica* adopted by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, to:

- (a) abide by the terms of the Antigua Convention and comply with any conservation and management measures adopted pursuant thereto;
- (b) fulfil its obligations as a member of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Antigua Convention.

The original text of this instrument shall be deposited with the Government of the United States of America which shall send certified copies thereof to the signatories and the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, having been duly authorized to that effect, has appended his or her signature hereto.

DONE at \_\_\_\_\_, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_, in English and Spanish, both texts being equally authentic.

[name of fishing entity]

[name of duly authorized representative of the fishing entity]

**ANNEX B. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE COMMITMENT OF FISHING ENTITIES**

To the Depositary,

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica* adopted in Antigua, Guatemala on 27<sup>th</sup> June of 2003, regarding the participation of fishing entities, and in accordance with Article XXVIII, paragraph 1(b) of that Convention, I have the honor to express the firm commitment of [name of fishing entity] to abide by the terms of that Convention and comply with any conservation and management measures adopted pursuant thereto, as well as to fulfil its obligations as a member of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, having been duly authorized to that effect, have appended their signatures hereto.

DONE at \_\_\_\_\_, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

[duly authorized signature]

[name of fishing entity]

**ANNEX C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE COMMITMENT OF FISHING ENTITIES WITH RESPECT TO AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION OR ITS ANNEXES**

To the Depositary,

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica* adopted in Antigua, Guatemala on 27<sup>th</sup> June of 2003, regarding the participation of fishing entities, and in accordance with Article XXVIII, paragraph 3 of that Convention, I have the honor to express the firm commitment of [name of fishing entity] to abide by the terms of that Convention as amended and comply with any conservation and management measures adopted pursuant thereto, as well as to fulfil its obligations as a member of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, having been duly authorized to that effect, have appended their signatures hereto.

DONE at \_\_\_\_\_, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

[duly authorized signature]

[name of fishing entity]