ADOPTION OF THE “ANTIGUA CONVENTION”

1 On June 27, 2003, the Commission received the Report of the Working Group established pursuant to the Resolution adopted by the Commission at its 61st Meeting in June 1998 on the establishment of a Working Group to review the 1949 IATTC Convention. Attached to the Working Group’s Report were 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 (“Antigua Convention”), a draft Resolution on the Adoption of the Antigua Convention, and a draft Resolution on the participation of a fishing entity in the Antigua Convention.

2 As a result of its deliberations, on June 27, 2003, the Commission adopted a resolution adopting the Antigua Convention and a resolution on the participation of a fishing entity in the Antigua Convention. These resolutions in English and Spanish are appended as Attachments 1 and 3. The Antigua Convention in English, Spanish and French is appended as Attachment 2.

3 The present document is established in a single original text in the English and Spanish languages, which is to be deposited with the Government of the United States of America.

4 The Commission decided that the Convention shall be open for signature at Washington, D.C., for one year from 1 October 2003, on the understanding that by that date any possible substantive discrepancies between the texts in the three languages which might have been identified will have been resolved through the Depositary.

5 The Director of the Commission shall send certified true copies of this document with its Attachments to the Governments of the States Party to the 1949 Convention and to the Governments of the States and to the authorities of the regional economic integration organization and fishing entity that participated in the Working Group.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned Commissioners of and Representatives to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission have affixed their signatures to this Record of Decision.

DONE AT ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA, this 27th day of June two thousand three.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR:
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF VANUATU:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN:

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