

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

WORKING GROUP ON FINANCE

MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING

San Salvador (El Salvador)
June 18, 2001

Chairman: James T. McCarthy (United States)

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Contributions to the budget for FY 2002 (1 October 2001-30 September 2002)
4. Other business
5. Adjournment

APPENDICES

1. List of attendees

The 4th Meeting of the Working Group on Finance was held in San Salvador (El Salvador) on June 18, 2001. The attendees are listed in Appendix 1.

The Chairman, Mr. James T. McCarthy, United States Commissioner, opened the meeting. The agenda was adopted without modifications.

3. Contributions to the budget for FY 2002 (1 October 2001-30 September 2002)

Dr. Robin Allen, Director of the IATTC, summarized recent developments in the Working Group on Finance and stressed the need for the Working Group at this stage to recommend the level of contributions by each member country to the IATTC budget for FY 2002. He noted that the Working Group, at its third meeting, held in La Jolla in February 2001, agreed on a draft Resolution on the long-term financing of the Commission and that this Resolution would be discussed by the Commission during its meeting later in the week.

A number of delegations made interventions regarding the level of contributions they were prepared to make to the Commission's budget for FY 2002. Several countries expressed difficulties in contributing an amount greater than that required for FY 2001. It was eventually agreed to forward to the Commission a list of the amount each member indicated it would be willing to pay for FY 2002. The Chairman and some delegations noted that the amount committed by the members is at least US\$500,000 less than the Commission's provisionally approved budget.

Regarding the long-term financing system, it was agreed that another meeting of the Working Group

should be held toward the end of August 2001 to work on a solution. It was agreed that at this meeting the Working Group should consider the approach set out in paragraph 1 of the draft Resolution as the basis for its work.

Several delegations expressed their concern with regard to States that maintain their status of observers to the Commission and enjoy the benefits of this status but do not have any obligations to contribute financially to the Commission. It was suggested that one way to address this problem would be to charge vessels of non-member States a fee for inclusion in the IATTC Regional Register of Vessels. Some countries did not favor this idea and thought that it should be considered only as a last resort.

The delegate from Spain took the floor, expressing gratitude as an observer for the opportunity to make a statement and said that he was surprised by the inclination of this intergovernmental organization to create new rules of international treaty law and create obligations for States or regional economic integration organizations that are observers but not members of the international organization. He added that in other international fishery commissions the status of Cooperating non-Party State had been created to accommodate those States without financial resources which in any case had neither rights nor obligations. He said that the deliberations arising from this session of the IATTC, so anomalous in the field of international law, would be sent to the Spanish Government officially for its information and the appropriate ends.

Venezuela rejected the inferences in this statement, noting in particular that the Commission had always adhered to international law in conducting its business, and asked that the record of the meeting make this clear.

The Working Group did recommend to the Commission that the cost of placing observers on vessels of non-member states should not be covered by the regular IATTC budget.

The Director raised the idea of creating a trust fund to receive voluntary contributions to support certain scientific projects, in particular the work taking place at the Commission's research facility at Achotines Bay in Panama. Several delegations supported this idea and suggested that the Director pursue it.

In light of the fact that the level of contributions committed to by the member countries for FY 2002 is considerably less than the Commission's provisionally approved budget, several delegations suggested that the Director identify areas of work contemplated in the FY 2002 budget which might be eliminated or postponed, and present an estimate of the resulting savings at the next meeting of the Working Group.

4. Other business

No other business was discussed.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Appendix 1.

**COMISION INTERAMERICANA DEL ATUN TROPICAL
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GRUPO DE TRABAJO SOBRE FINANCIAMIENTO
WORKING GROUP ON FINANCE**

4ª REUNION – 4TH MEETING

**18 de junio de 2001– June 18, 2001
San Salvador (El Salvador)**

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