

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

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MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION**

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**NATIONAL REPORTS ON THE OBLIGATIONS ESTABLISHED IN THE
ANTIGUA CONVENTION**

1. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Article XVIII, paragraph 3, of the Antigua Convention establishes that:

“Each Party shall promptly, through the Director, inform the Committee for the review of implementation of measures adopted by the Commission established pursuant to the provisions of Article X of this Convention of:

- a) legal and administrative provisions, including those regarding infractions and sanctions, applicable to compliance with conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission;*
- b) actions taken to ensure compliance with conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission, including, if appropriate, an analysis of individual cases and the final decision taken.”*

During the first meeting of the Committee, it was proposed the responses by the Members to possible violations should be provided to the Committee prior to the annual meeting, in order to accelerate the discussion of the matter.

The following considerations might be useful in the discussion of a system of national reports.

2. DEFINITIONS REQUIRED BY THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat considers that certain elements need to be clarified regarding the process for the preparation and follow-up of national reports. Specifically, the Secretariat needs to know whether the Committee wishes that:

- a) the Secretariat monitor the actions taken by Members regarding possible violations detected.
- b) the Secretariat draft a report on the monitoring of actions taken.
- c) that the Members commit to reporting on their compliance actions, to the Secretariat or directly to the Committee.

3. CONTENTS OF THE REPORTS

National reports should identify each one of the de the possible infractions by vessel and by set, if necessary, in a format that will allow a summary to be prepared for consideration at the meeting of the Committee.

National reports should include the same cases of lack of compliance identified in the annual compliance

report, and may have appended any information and documentation that is thought relevant, but to facilitate the preparation of the report, they should indicate whether the competent national authority:

- a) Is in the process of evaluating the case;
- b) Has determined that the case merits an administrative action; and
- c) The administrative action determined that there was or was not a possible violation.

The Committee would need to decide whether the Secretariat should follow up on cases under appeal.

4. TIMELINESS OF NATIONAL REPORTS

Except in cases of non-compliance with closures, which are reported by the Director at the end of each closure period, the national reports would address infractions presented to the meeting of the Committee the previous year, *i.e.* the responses in 2011 would correspond to the cases included in the 2010 compliance report and that took place the year before, in this case 2009.

National reports regarding the closures should be presented at the meeting of the Committee immediately after the end of the closure; *i.e.* national reports on the 2010 closure would be presented at the meeting of the Committee in 2011.

5. FORMAT OF THE REPORTS

To facilitate the management of data base of possible non-compliance and the evaluation of cases by the Committee, the Secretariat would develop a standard form that Members would use for their reports.