

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

94TH MEETING

Bilbao, Spain, 22-26 July 2019

PROPOSAL IATTC-94 C-2

SUBMITTED BY COLOMBIA

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION C-15-01 ON ESTABLISHING A LIST OF VESSELS PRESUMED TO HAVE CARRIED OUT ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED FISHING ACTIVITIES IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Considering that consensus is currently required to include a vessel on the IUU list, the probabilities of including a vessel flying the flag of an IATTC Member on that list are practically nil. This situation has been evidenced on some occasions at meetings of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of Measures Adopted by the Commission and at meetings of the Commission itself. This decision-making methodology significantly affects the scope and applicability of the provisions of the IATTC resolutions and diminishes the effectiveness of the Organization against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities.

This proposal seeks to establish a special decision-making mechanism that will be applicable only to matters related to Resolution C-15-01. Thus, exceptionally, it is proposed to implement a voting system of qualified majorities for decision-making. The proposed methodology is in accordance with the provisions of the Antigua Convention, specifically Article IX "Decision Making", which states that: "*Unless provided otherwise, all decisions made by the Commission at meetings convened pursuant to Article VIII of this Convention shall be by consensus of members of the Commission present at the meeting in question.*"

We are convinced that such a modification will significantly contribute to the work of the Commission, as well as send a strong message to the international community of this Commission's commitment to the sustainability of the fishery resources and the conservation of species.

RESOLUTION C-19-XX

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The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), gathered in Bilbao, Spain, on the occasion of its 94th Meeting:

Agrees:

To amend Resolution C-15-01 as follows:

- a) To include a new heading after “Modification of the IUU Vessel List” entitled “Decision Making”, immediately after paragraph 25.
- b) Said heading is composed of the following paragraphs:
 - 1. By virtue of Article IX of the Antigua Convention, if all efforts to reach a decision by consensus have been exhausted, decisions shall be taken by a three-fourths majority of the CPCs present and voting.
 - 2. Each CPC shall be entitled to one vote.
 - 3. Voting shall be by show of hands, unless a CPC requests a roll-call or secret ballot.