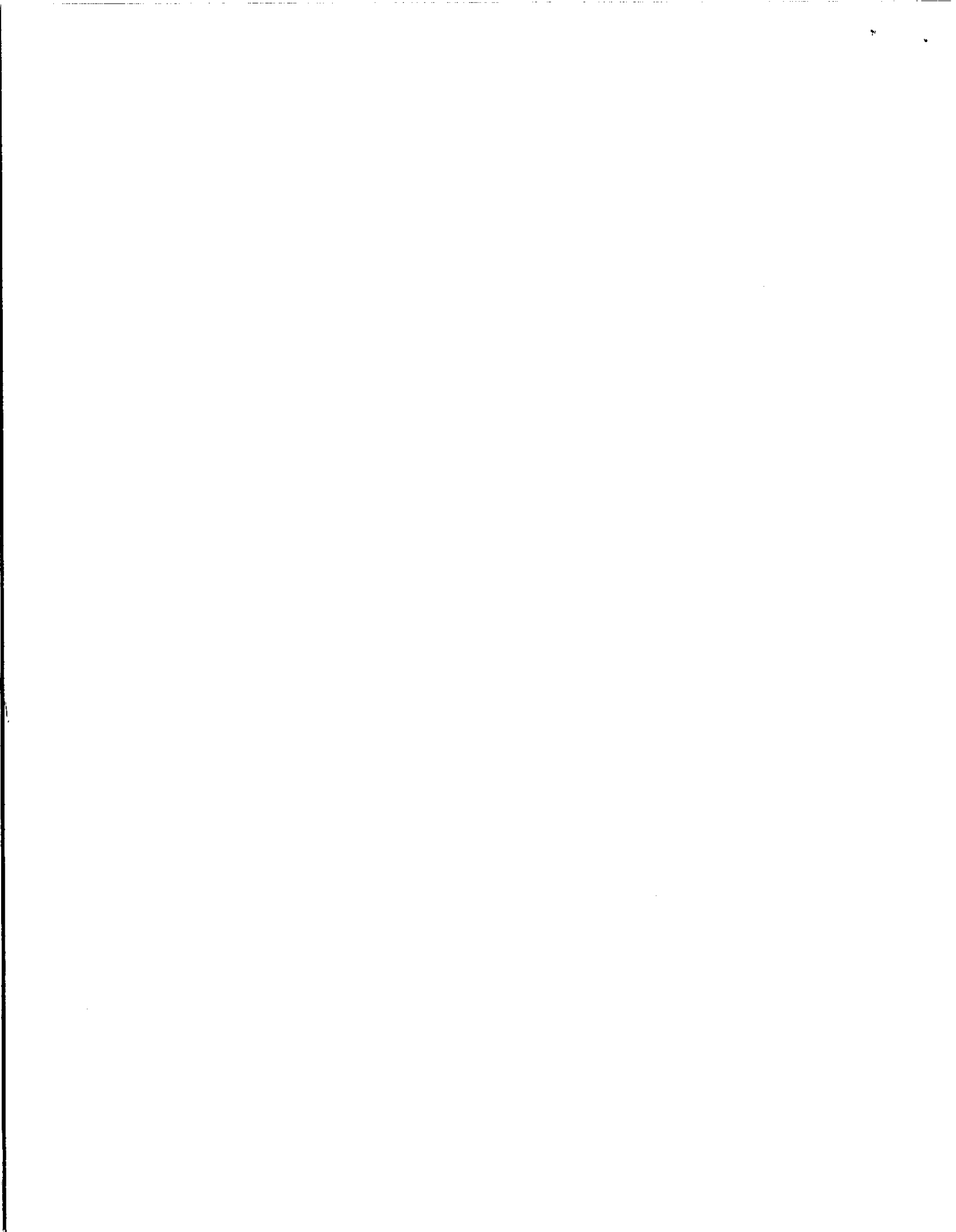


25TH INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MEETING

List of issue to be discussed:

- ✓1) Rules of Procedure concerning alternates.
- ✓2) Confidentiality and Releases.
- ✓3) Re-scheduling of DML annual limits.
- ✓4) Standardisation of infractions and sanctions including country reports.
- ✓5) Working Group Report on multi-national measures to ensure compliance.
- ✓6) Criteria for issuing DMLs.
- 7) Supplemental instrument.



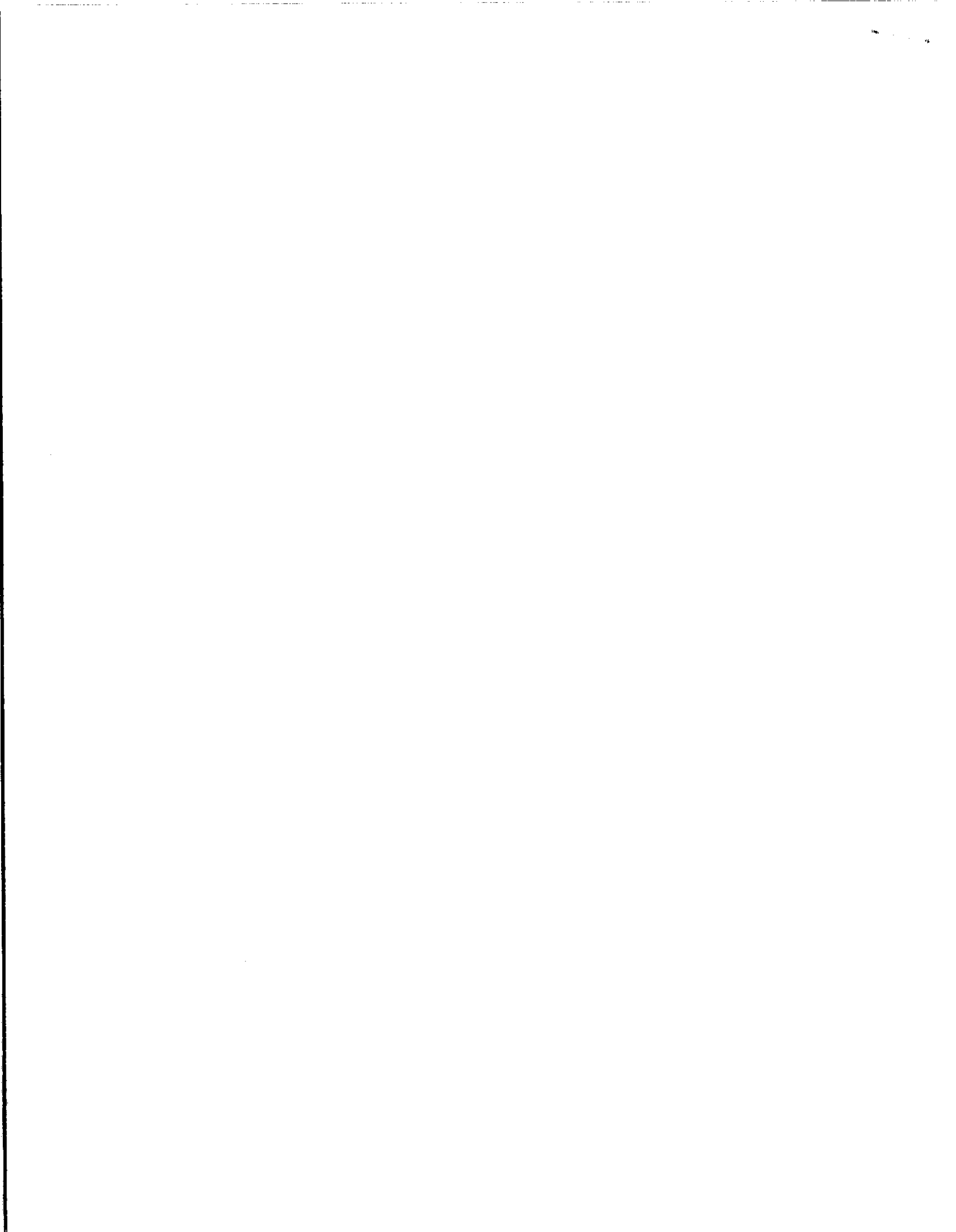
REUNION INTER-GUBERNAMENTAL

Lista de documentos a ser discutidos:

- 1) Reglas de Procedimiento para sustitutos.
- 2) Confidencialidad y Permisos.
- 3) Reprogramación de límites anuales para LMD.
- 4) Estandarización de infracciones y sanciones incluyendo informes de los países.
- 5) Informe del Grupo de Trabajo sobre medidas multi-nacionales para asegurar cumplimiento.
- 6) Criterios para emitir los LMD.
- 7) *Supplemental Instrument*

A Report from the May 31-June 2, 1993 meeting
of the International Review Panel to the IATTC/Inter-Governmental
Meetings of June 8-10, 1993 in Port Villa, Vanuatu

The IRP heard reports from the Secretariat on the progress to date of the International Dolphin Conservation Program. In 1992, dolphin mortality was reduced to 15,470 animals, a reduction of nearly 45 percent relative to 1991. So far in 1993, the rate of dolphin mortality per set is about one-third (1/3) of the 1992 rate, indicating that the 1993 mortality will approach the mortality goals for 1998 or 1999 specified in the Agreement for the Conservation of Dolphins reached at the IATTC meeting of June 1992. Based on this progress, the IRP discussed the advantages and disadvantages of adjusting the schedule of dolphin mortality limits (DMLs) specified in the Agreement. The motivation to propose an adjustment of the schedule of DMLs was the fact that mortality due to fishing has been reduced steadily, especially during the first year of the program. The primary reason for not adjusting the schedule is that 1993 is the first year of the program, and it is too soon to predict the mortality for the remainder of the year. Also, it was noted that the mortality rate is variable, and the events during the first half of 1993 may not reflect average conditions. The IRP refers this matter to the June Plenary Meeting of the IATTC and Inter-Governmental Forum for their consideration and appropriate action.



CRITERIA FOR ISSUING DOLPHIN MORTALITY LIMITS FOR 1994

The Review Panel recommends that the following be adopted as criteria for determining which vessels will be considered qualified to receive a Dolphin Mortality Limit (DML) for 1994. The intent of the Panel in making these recommendations is to discourage, to the extent possible, the issuance of DMLs to vessels that will not fish for tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) using the practice of setting on dolphins. The criteria recommended by the Panel are:

- a) DMLs will only be assigned to vessels flying the flag of nations that are party to the Agreement or members of the IATTC.
- b) A DML will only be assigned in those cases where the flag state has certified that the vessel requesting a DML is in possession of the proper dolphin fishing gear and equipment called for under the Agreement and that the fishing captain and crew have received the appropriate training in dolphin rescue techniques.
- c) Each vessel requesting a DML shall submit to its government a statement expressing its intent to fish in the EPO using the practice of setting on dolphins on at least one trip.
- d) Any vessel that had no DML for the previous year or that had a DML but did not fish in the EPO during the previous year will be required to post a "Commitment Bond" in the amount of US\$ ~~750,000~~. The bond will be forfeited if the vessel does not fish in the EPO during the fishing year for which the bond was posted. The proceeds of forfeited bonds will be used to support research under a funding mechanism to be agreed.
- e) Each Party is encouraged not to submit a request for a DML for any vessel that such Party has determined is not complying with the terms and spirit of the Agreement.

In addition to the criteria listed above, the Panel recognizes that additional criteria may be necessary to address the issue of DMLs requested by vessels fishing in the EPO using exclusively dolphin-safe fishing methods. The Panel agreed that addressing this situation should be given a high priority in future deliberations of the Panel.

The Panel further agreed that consideration should be given to the following for possible implementation at a future date:

- a) Each vessel requesting a DML will be required to post a "Performance Bond" in the amount of US\$ _____. The bond will be returned to the vessel posting the bond in proportion to a standard set of criteria defining how well the vessel performed in reducing dolphin mortality.
- b) Each vessel requesting a DML shall pay in advance to the IATTC the amount of US\$ 10.00 to cover observer and other program costs.

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