

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

10TH MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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RESOLUTION ON CRITERIA FOR ATTAINING THE STATUS OF COOPERATING NON-PARTY OR COOPERATING FISHING ENTITY TO AIDCP AND IATTC

The following resolution, drafted by the Joint IATTC-AIDCP Working Group on Fishing by Non-Parties, was adopted by the IATTC at its 70th Meeting in June 2003. However, the text was not ready in time for consideration by the 9th Meeting of the Parties, and is therefore presented for consideration at this meeting.

Taking account of the establishment of the Joint Working Group on Fishing by Non-Parties,

In accordance with the terms of reference established for that Group,

Conscious of the urgent need to develop criteria to establish the conditions under which the status of cooperating non-party or cooperating fishing entity shall be determined in both AIDCP and IATTC,

The following requirements must be respected by non-parties and fishing entities seeking the status of cooperating non-party or cooperating fishing entity.

1. Information requirements:

- a. Communicate full data on its historical fisheries in the IATTC area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, name of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas;
- b. Communicate annually catch and effort data and size-frequency distribution of the catches (when possible) in due time and appropriate format for scientific evaluation of the stocks;
- c. Communicate details on current fishing presence in the area, number of vessels and vessel characteristics;
- d. Communicate research programs it has conducted in the IATTC area and share the information and the results with the IATTC and AIDCP.

2. Compliance requirements:

- a. Respect all conservation measures in force in IATTC-AIDCP;
- b. Respect the capacity limits already in force in IATTC for tuna vessels;
- c. Inform IATTC/AIDCP of the measures it takes to ensure compliance by its vessels, including *inter alia* and as appropriate, observer programs, inspection at sea and in port, and Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS);
- d. Respond to alleged violations of IATTC or AIDCP measures by its vessels, as determined by the appropriate bodies, and communicate to AIDCP or IATTC the actions taken against the vessels.

3. Participation:

Participation at plenary and scientific meetings, as an observer.

This status shall be accorded on a year-to-year basis and shall be decided by both the AIDCP Meeting of the Parties and the IATTC Annual Meeting on the basis of a review of compliance with the above mentioned requirements.