

**AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION
PROGRAM**

39TH MEETING OF THE PARTIES

Bilbao (Spain)

16 July 2019

RESOLUTION A-19-01

NATIONAL PROGRAM FUNDING

The Parties to the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP):

Taking into account that the observer programs have proved to be of significant importance in supporting the implementation of the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program;

Taking into account that they have resulted in time savings for the staff of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, since half of the data collected is reviewed, analyzed and processed by the staff of the various observer programs and ultimately transferred to the IATTC;

Taking into account that observers take data to measure compliance with the various resolutions both of the AIDCP and of the IATTC;

Taking into account that due to lack of funding, some programs find it challenging to improve the efficiency of their work, primarily by updating observer equipment;

Recognizing that the national observer programs are an important component within the AIDCP;

Aware that currently the AIDCP has a surplus of approximately two million seventy-two thousand six hundred and eighty-nine dollars (US\$ 2,072,689) as of 31 December 2018.

Aware that contributions are pending payment as of 31 May 2018, in the amount of two hundred and forty-seven thousand fifty-five dollars (US\$ 247,055), which will further increase the surplus.

Resolve as follows:

1. That the AIDCP allocate to the observer programs 10% of the surplus as of 31 December 2018, which is indicated in the sixth paragraph of the preamble, to be used to re-equip the programs, with a goal to further improve their operations, which was not previously possible due to financial challenges within the programs.
2. The objective of this one-time contribution is to help replace equipment both for observers and for data processing, such as new-generation computer equipment which could not be updated due to lack of financial resources.
3. This 10% contribution shall be distributed equitably among all national programs: Colombia, Ecuador, European Union, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, and Venezuela. The purchase of equipment and materials will be done in coordination with the Technical Secretariat of the AIDCP.