

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

82ND MEETING

LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA (USA)
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PROPOSAL IATTC-82-D-1

PRESENTED BY JAPAN

**RESOLUTION ON FISHING VESSELS FLAGGED TO NON-CPCS IN THE
IATTC REGIONAL VESSEL REGISTER**

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC):

Recalling Article XXVI of the Convention that the Commission and its members shall encourage non-members of the Commission to become members or to adopt laws and regulations consistent with the Convention;

Appreciating in this regard Cook Islands and Kiribati being a co-operating non-member;

Concerned that fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia and Honduras are included in the IATTC Regional Vessel Register, yet the Commission cannot confirm whether those fishing vessels are complying with relevant IATTC resolutions;

Also Concerned that Resolution C-02-03 (capacity resolution) stipulates that the Regional Vessel Register shall include only vessels flying the flag of participants, which mean “Parties to IATTC, and States and regional economic integration organizations, and fishing entities that have applied for membership of the Commission or that cooperate with the management and conservation measures adopted by the Commission”, whereas Bolivia and Honduras that are not categorized as participants register their purse seine fishing vessels in the Regional Vessel Register;

Deeply concerned that Bolivia and Honduras have not responded to the letters repeatedly sent by the Director;

AGREED that the fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia and Honduras shall be deleted from the Regional Vessel Register immediately