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Dear IATTC delegates:

Through this letter, the Center for Sustainable Development and Fisheries (CeDePesca), while thanking the distinguished delegates for the possibility of joining the IATTC meetings as an observer organization, wishes to express its support for the IATTC-100 H- 1, presented by the delegations of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama, regarding the need to develop research activities in relation to the stock(s) of dorado (*Coryphaena hippurus*) in the Eastern Tropical Pacific.

As expressed in the aforementioned proposal, greater knowledge of this/these stock/s will contribute to the rational management and sustainability of this fishing resource of great importance for the coastal communities of the Eastern Tropical Pacific, and the IATTC is in an unbeatable position to make this contribution.

At the same time, we commit our support to the creation and data collection activities of the Working Group suggested in the proposal, through the Dorado Fishery Improvement Program (FIP) that, at this time, we are developing in Panama with the collaboration of five companies and longline fishers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'E' and 'G' intertwined.

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