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REVISION OF IATTC RULES OF PROCEDURE

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The discussions held in the context of the 85th and 86th IATTC Annual Meetings have shown that it is advisable to update the IATTC Rules of Procedure in order to address circumstances not currently foreseen, notably, all situations where, due to a variety of reasons, the Director is not in office.

In line with Article XII.1 of the Antigua Convention¹, the proposal also envisages to limit the office of the Director to two consecutive terms in order to promote rotation, different programs and a variety of management styles.

IATTC RULES OF PROCEDURE

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VI. DIRECTOR

20. The Commission shall establish criteria and procedures to appoint a Director, whose competence in the field of the Convention is established and generally recognized, in particular in its scientific, technical and administrative aspects. In the appointment of the Director, the views of the Members shall be expressed through a secret ballot should one of the Members so request.

The terms and functions of the Director shall be pursuant to Article XII of the Convention.

21. In case of death, accident, resignation, expiration of the term, or any other circumstance that permanently prevents the effective performance of the duties related to the post, the Director shall be replaced by the Fishery Management and Policy Senior officer who shall act as acting Director until the process for the appointment of a new Director is concluded. Should this officer become unavailable, the duties will be undertaken by the Chief Scientist and Coordinator of Scientific Research, in the first place, and if unavailable, by the next higher ranking officer, and so forth consecutively.

22. The duties and responsibilities performed by the acting Director in these circumstances shall be limited to the day-to-day administration.

[further renumbering of the remaining paragraphs]

¹ Article XII.1: “[...] The term of the Director shall be of 4 years, and he may be reappointed as many times as the Commission decides”.