AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

8TH MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES II AND IV OF THE AIDCP

1. Annex II: new paragraph regarding observer data

This amendment was acceptable to all governments at the 7^{h} Meeting of the Parties, but one delegation asked that formal approval be postponed until the next meeting of the Parties to allow time for internal consultations. The amendment, a new paragraph 12 to Annex II, would read as follows:

"12. Observer Data

- a. Observer data shall be the basis to determine if:
 - i. a vessel has met or exceeded its DML;
 - ii. a Party has met or exceeded its national DML; or
 - iii. the fleet has met or exceeded a per-stock, per year dolphin mortality cap.
- b. Any Party wishing to object to the observer data must provide to the IRP the reasons for and the evidence to support such objection;
- c. The IRP will review the evidence provided by the Party and provide a recommendation to the Meeting of the Parties for their consideration;
- d. The Parties will review the evidence and the recommendation of the IRP and make a decision as to the merits of the objection and whether the observer data should be modified."

2. Annex IV (II) 1: deadline for utilization of second-semester DMLs

It was proposed that the deadline for utilization of second-semester DMLs be changed from December 31 to October 1. The first sentence of the paragraph would read as follows:

"Any vessel which is assigned a full-year DML and does not set on dolphins prior to April 1 of that year, or which is assigned a second-semester DML and does not set on dolphins by **October 1** of that year,"