

COMISION INTERAMERICANA DEL ATUN TROPICAL (CIAT)
INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC)

MEMORANDUM

19 July 2024
Ref.: 0385-410

To: Commissioners and Heads of Delegation
AIDCP Parties and participating governments

From: Arnulfo Franco, Director

Re: Suspension - Informal consultation between AIDCP Parties and IATTC Members on
financial and budgetary matters - 22-23 July 2024

As a follow-up to our memorandum Ref. 0353-410, dated July 11th, 2024, please find attached for your consideration the message from Mr. Alvin Delgado, Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP.

Annex: As indicated.

Memorandum:

Firstly, I extend cordial greetings from Mr. Andrés Arens, Chair of the IATTC, and on behalf of myself as Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP.

This is to inform you that the meeting on "**Informal consultations between AIDCP Parties and IATTC Members on financial and budgetary matters**", scheduled for 22 and 23 July, has been cancelled. The cancellation is due to the objection of five Members and/or Parties to the IATTC and the AIDCP, circulated today, in which they acknowledge the importance of the meeting, but they also state that "*unless the position that the meeting can take decisions under criteria of urgency is reconsidered,*" they object to the holding of the meeting, and also in light of the fact that in the invitation to the previous meeting, an IATTC Member objected that a formal meeting of the two organizations for decision-making purposes could not be convened unless at least 45 days' notice was given in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. In this sense, these two reasons support this decision. For our part, paragraph 8 of the IATTC Rules of Procedure and paragraph 6 of the AIDCP Rules of Procedure, which refer to "**normally** at least forty-five (45) days in advance," could be interpreted to mean that decisions could be taken during the meeting or intersessionally if there is consensus, but it is not in our interest to initiate a debate on this matter now, as we do not have sufficient time. Therefore, we reaffirm our decision to cancel this meeting, not without first stating that we are losing a great opportunity to address issues of great interest to the IATTC and the AIDCP related to financial and accounting matters that, due to their complexity, may not receive proper attention during the upcoming meetings in Panama.

On the other hand, since there was no objection to the hiring of a consultant, and since the 47th Meeting of the Parties approved Resolution A-23-01, "Creation of an *Ad Hoc* Working Group on The Financial Strengthening of the AIDCP", paragraph h of which states "*The Working Group shall determine the steps and actions required to execute a performance review of the processes related to the finance, accounting and budgetary execution, which shall provide technical recommendations for the efficient management of the AIDCP. The cost of this review will be charged against the 2024 AIDCP budget,*" I have decided, as Chair of this group, if there are no objections, to convene the AIDCP Parties to a meeting of this group on the same date as the suspended meeting, since the Secretariat has made all arrangements for the meeting to be held and the AIDCP Parties should be prepared to attend. This meeting will have only one item on the agenda: "*Identify the elements to be addressed by the consultant to conduct the performance review of the AIDCP and to provide us with technical recommendations for its effective management, and to request the Secretariat to provide us with a list of possible consultants to authorize their hiring.*"

Alvin Delgado M.
Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP