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MEMORANDUM

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To: Commissioners and Heads of Delegation

c.c.: Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia and Liberia

From: Arnulfo L. Franco, Director

Re: 1st Climate Change Workshop (24- 26 February 2025) (*by videoconference*)

In accordance with the workplan of the Commission and its staff, a 1st **Climate Change Workshop** has been scheduled to be held from **Monday 24 to Wednesday 26 February 2025** from **2PM to 6PM PST (UTC-8)** by **videoconference**.

Background

The IATTC adopted **Resolution C-23-10 on climate change** in 2023. As a result, after a comprehensive review of relevant data and information the IATTC staff developed a proposal for a **workplan** to be considered by the IATTC and which provides a general structure to promote climate change ready and climate-resilient fisheries in the EPO under the Antigua Convention (SAC-15-12).

The workplan prepared by the IATTC staff (SAC-15-12) received already ample support during the 2nd Ecosystem and Bycatch Working Group, and the 15th meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee (see SAC-15 Recommendations) and was briefly presented and discussed during the IATTC annual meeting in Panama in 2024.

It is expected that the details of the workplan, and its implementation, be further discussed and completed with the participation of CPCs as well as of relevant stakeholders to prepare a set of recommendations to be submitted to the EBWG, the SAC, and finally to the Commission.

It should be recalled that the workplan anticipates **five phases**: 1) Planning, 2) Deciding on goal and scope, 3) Developing a framework, 4) Creating tools, and 5) Tool application and/or management implementation.

To date, phase 1 (i.e., Planning) has been completed with the review of existing literature and experiences and the preparation of the workplan, and the process has transitioned into phase 2 (i.e., Deciding on goal and scope) and phase 3 (i.e., Developing a framework). Both phases require

active participation, input, and discussion through a workshop open to relevant stakeholders in addition to representatives of CPCs. The IATTC staff believes that both phases can be considered in the same workshop, the first workshop of a series to be convened in the future.

Objectives:

The 1st Climate Change Workshop will review IATTC's staff preliminary recommendations for a climate change workplan goal and scope (CC-01-01) and framework (CC-01-02), hear from global experts about these topics, and discuss them with participants.

Participation:

The Workshop will be open to all interested IATTC CPCs and other relevant stakeholders but, given the nature of the topics to be covered, it is recommended that the participants that are designated have proven expertise, knowledge, experience, or interests on climate change impacts on fisheries and related issues. Relevant IGOs and accredited NGOs are also encouraged to participate as observers. In addition, it is understood that the IATTC staff may identify and invite individual experts as well as representatives of other relevant entities and organizations that have proven expertise and experience in the field.

As usual, a registration form will be posted on the meeting website to allow for each participant from CPCs to register individually. This registration form can also be used for the designated representatives of IGOs and NGOs.

If there are issues with the registration form, it would be most appreciated if each CPC, IGO and NGO interested in participating send the list of their representatives, including Head and alternate Head of delegation an email showing interest, to Mrs. Monica Galvan, Assistant to the Director, at mgalvan@iattc.org.

Arrangements:

The Workshop will be held by videoconference, utilizing the Zoom platform. An invitation to join will be sent individually to each registered participant.

As indicated above, the Workshop will be held on Monday 24, Tuesday 25, and Wednesday 26 February 2025. Each session will have a duration of four hours and will start at 2 PM PDT (UTC -8) to finalize around 6 PM PDT (UTC -8).

For the convenience of the participants, a document will be posted on the website with more precise indications on the ways the meeting will be conducted, taking into account the special requirements and limitations of videoconferencing, using as a model the similar documents that were used for previous IATTC meetings by videoconference. A preliminary agenda is shared below, which will also be posted on the meeting website as soon as possible.

Languages: English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation.

Preliminary agenda:

1. Opening of workshop
2. Welcome to participants and adoption of the agenda
3. A brief description of climate change impacts on fisheries
4. Climate change workplan main goal
5. Presentation and discussion of main goal section of document CC-01-01
6. Climate change workplan scoping
7. Presentation and discussion of scoping section of document CC-01-01
8. Climate change workplan framework
9. Presentation and discussion of document CC-01-02
10. Others
11. Closure of the workshop