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FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE PANEL 2 SESSION**

- Turkey believes exercising of TAC allocations for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna (E-BFT) and for other tuna and tuna-like fish stocks in the correct way is of great importance. It is clear that time has come for ICCAT ***to fully and properly apply the mutually agreed and pre-existing principles and criteria*** in the process of allocations of fishing possibilities.
- When allocations of the TAC to the CPCs are made for E-BFT, historical catches of the CPCs at reference years 1993 and/or 1994 should be taken as a basis and applied properly, considering the original rule set by ICCAT in 1994 and 1998 [Rec. 94-11] and [Rec. 98-5]. The bluefin allocations made from 2003 have been determined by predicating on 1993's or 1994's catch figures of the CPCs with the exception of Turkey's allocation.
- Turkey's sincere expectation is that the most recent attempts towards allocation of E-BFT catch quotas based on the pre-existing criteria (as defined in ICCAT Rec. 98-5 and as applied in Rec. 00-9) would not stay as mere intention, but translate into action towards a more balanced and equitable sharing of this important stock, in a way to look after each and every one's interests, including the rights of CPCs with traditional shares and also the rights of newcomers to ICCAT.
- We strongly believe and trust that the allocation issue that has also been discussed and tackled as part of modernization process of the ICCAT Convention and the Commission will be arrived at a fair and standard solution, as a first step and as a preliminary ruling, at this 20th Special Meeting of the Commission.

Please kindly find attached the leaflet presented to the highest considerations of the esteemed ICCAT delegates.