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**RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION RAISED BY JAPAN
ON THE QUOTA OVERSHOOT BY ALGERIA
(Document COC-304/2016)**

Further to the question raised by the honourable delegate of Japan, concerning the Atlantic bluefin tuna quota overshoot of Algeria in 2015 (document COC-304/2016), I have the honour to transmit below, the following information for clarification purposes:

For 2015, Algeria has respected its allocated quota pursuant to Recommendation 14-04, *i.e.* a combined quota of 369.81 t, during the fishing operations.

Following the caging operations and the use of results obtained from stereoscopic cameras, the cage CPC, requested the modification of BCDs, in accordance with the provisions of Recommendation 14-04, Annex 9, item iii. In this respect, Algeria has proceeded to modify the BCDs and report in the Compliance tables the quantities obtained from the caging results, *i.e.*: 370.20 t.

Moreover, regarding reimbursement, Algeria has a combined fishing quota for 2016 (452.98 t), of which 2.98 t were reserved to by-catch. With reference to the 450 t reserved to live bluefin tuna purse seine fishing, Algeria caught 448.39 t (*i.e.* an underharvest of 1.61 t).