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Appendix 1

**EXPLANATORY NOTE TO DRAFT RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT
TO CLARIFY AND SUPPLEMENT THE PROCESS FOR SEEKING CAPACITY BUILDING
ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO ICCAT RECOMMENDATION 14-08**

During the 2016 meeting of ICCAT's Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM), CPCs discussed the challenges related to implementation of the *Recommendation by ICCAT to Support Effective Implementation of Recommendation 12-07 by ICCAT for an ICCAT Scheme for Minimum Standards for Inspection in Port* [Rec. 14-08]. There was general agreement that capacity building assistance is critically important to ensure CPCs can effectively meet their ICCAT port inspection responsibilities, as reflected in the adoption of Recommendation 14-08, which established ICCAT's Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance Fund (MCS Fund).

In light of the important IMM discussions held earlier this year, the United States has tabled a proposal that provides for the establishment of an inclusive group of experts to develop port inspection training materials for use by ICCAT CPCs to support their implementation of Recommendation 12-07. In developing these materials, the expert group would rely on existing port inspection training materials to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of this effort. Training materials on port inspection, for example, are available from FAO, IOTC, and other sources, including ICCAT CPCs. These existing materials will be reviewed by the expert group and adapted for use in ICCAT fisheries.

The proposal also outlines a way for the Commission to identify the specific capacity building needs of individual CPCs so that they can be effectively addressed, including through efficient use of the MCS Fund. The work of this group would fully take into account planned or ongoing regional and sub-regional cooperation related to port inspection capacity building carried out by FAO and other organizations to avoid duplication and maximize the effectiveness of capacity building assistance.