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Subject : Submission of National Observer Programme Plan – Suriname
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Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Republic of Suriname, I hereby submit the National Observer Programme Plan for the Suriname-flagged tuna longline fishery operating within the ICCAT Convention Area.The Observer Programme Plan has been developed in accordance with ICCAT Recommendation 22-01 (paragraph 55 and Annex 7) and Recommendation 16-14 (paragraph 4) and ensures that a minimum of 10% of the total realized fishing effort, expressed in number of fishing trips, is effectively observed and reported.

The Plan covers observer qualifications and responsibilities, deployment protocols, coverage planning, as well as data collection and reporting procedures. Observer deployments are conducted exclusively under this national programme, ensuring that observer data and reports are generated in accordance with ICCAT minimum standards and are therefore eligible for acceptance by ICCAT.

Suriname remains committed to full compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures, as well as to transparent, timely and accurate reporting.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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