

WHEREAS, Article IX (2.a) of the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas states that: “The Contracting Parties agree to furnish, on the request of the Commission, any available statistical, biological and other scientific information the Commission may need for the purposes of this Convention”;

NOTING THAT conservation of resources is not possible without a reliable data base;

NOTING THAT despite recent good progress in many areas of statistical reporting, there are still several significant deficiencies noted in the Report of the Sub-Committee on Statistics which seriously hamper the Commission from performing its obligation to properly manage the resources covered by the Convention;

NOTING further that in 1975 the reporting of statistics by Contracting Parties was in many instances late, and data for many important fisheries are still missing, making analysis extremely difficult, if not impossible ;

Be it therefore resolved that this matter be brought to the attention of the Contracting Parties and that they be asked to give their serious consideration to the deficiencies noted in the attached Report of the Sub-Committee on Statistics with a view toward measures necessary to correct these deficiencies.