95-6 RESOLUTION BY ICCAT ON ATLANTIC YELLOWFIN TUNA

RECALLING the Recommendation prohibiting any taking or landing of yellowfin tuna weighing less than 3.2 kg adopted by the Commission at its Second Regular Meeting (Madrid, December, 1971);

ALSO RECALLING the Recommendation adopted by the Commission at its Thirteenth Regular Meeting (Madrid, November, 1993) limiting the level of effective fishing effort exerted on Atlantic yellowfin tuna to 1992 levels;

RECOGNIZING that to date, few Contracting Parties have reported specific management measures to implement these Recommendations;

RECOGNIZING that the SCRS reports that yellowfin tuna catches are at the MSY level and that effective effort is close to the optimum level and could even exceed the optimum level;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RESOLVES:

That the Contracting Parties shall, at the 1996 ICCAT meeting, develop a plan elaborating the specific management measures that Contracting Parties should take to implement the Commission's previous recommendations regarding yellowfin tuna.