## - RESOLUTION -IMPROVE COMPLETENESS OF TASK I STATISTICS

## TITLE: Resolution by ICCAT Concerning Efforts to Improve the Completeness of Task I Reported Statistics (Transmitted to Contracting Parties: February 3, 1997)

*CONSIDERING* that the SCRS has expressed concern about the completeness of Task I reported statistics when vessels land their catches at foreign ports, including ICCAT Contracting and cooperative non-Contracting Parties;

*RECOGNIZING* that the ICCAT Port Inspection Scheme explicitly refers to inspection of transhipment or landings operations without discrimination between a Party's own vessels and those of other Contracting Parties;

*RECOGNIZING* the value of inspecting transshipment or landings from all vessels catching species that are under ICCAT mandate, including vessels of non-Contracting Parties;

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

- 1 That ICCAT Contracting Parties and cooperating non-Contracting Parties establish necessary internal measures to monitor foreign vessels that transship or unload at their ports to the extent practicable in order to provide appropriate documentation, as necessary and appropriate, on the species composition and weight of such landed species, the date of each transshipment or landing, and the geographical area where the vessel fished.
- 2 That ICCAT Contracting Parties and cooperating non-Contracting Parties transmit the information collected under paragraph 1 to the ICCAT Secretariat, which should then immediately transmit the information to the Party whose flag the landing vessel flies and who, as principle, requested such information, so that such Party can verify the completeness of its reported landings.