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**DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR A RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT TO SUPPLEMENT RECOMMENDATION
[16-01] BY ICCAT ON A MULTI-ANNUAL CONSERVATION
AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR TROPICAL TUNAS**

Submitted by the European Union

RECALLING the current multi-annual conservation and management programme for tropical tunas;

NOTING that the stock of bigeye tuna is currently overfished;

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TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the recommendations made by the Panel on the Second ICCAT Performance Review regarding the carryover of underage of catches from one year to another;

[...]

NOTING the absence of explicit management objectives for tropical tunas;

ALSO TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that in 2018 Bigeye tuna will be subject to a stock assessment and that the SCRS is also expected to provide the Commission with definitions concerning Fisheries Aggregating Devices (FADs);

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

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[...]

1. For both bigeye tuna and yellowfin tuna, the carryover of underage of annual catch limits from previous years shall be set at a maximum of 15% in 2018 and 10% in 2019 and thereafter.

2. Panel 1 shall convene an intersessional meeting in 2018, in order to:

a. Identify management objectives for the tropical tuna fisheries;

b. Evaluate different management options for purse seine fisheries:

1) Limitation of capacity

2) Catch limits

3) Closures: temporal and time-area closures

4) Number of FAD-associated sets

5) Number of FADs

6) Use of support vessels

7) Other measures to reduce FADs related mortality of small BET and YFT

c. Evaluate different management options for longline fisheries:

1) Limitation of the capacity

2) Catch limits

3) Transshipment at sea

d. Identify:

- 1) Management options for other gears
- 2) Expected impacts on MSY and stock status of different gear catch contribution
- 3) Mechanisms to ensure effective implementation of the tropical tuna management measures
- 4) MSE for tropical tunas
 - a. Individual vs. multi stocks
 - b. Schedule of implementation
 - c. Performance metrics for the tropical tuna MSE
- 5) Workplan to address the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on FADs