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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;

RECOGNISING that the TAC for bigeye tuna for 2016 was exceeded by eleven percent and that, as highlighted by the SCRS in 2017, this reduces the probability to reach the Convention objectives by 2028 to only 38%;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the TAC for yellowfin tuna was also exceeded in 2016 by sixteen percent, and that this undermines the probability of maintaining a healthy stock status;

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;

RECALLING the urgency for the Commission to review in 2018 the current provisional limits on FADs and the need for SCRS to advice the Commission on FAD limits and on the efficacy of the area/time closure,

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

1. The Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for bigeye tuna shall be 57,850 t in 2018 and 65 000 t for the following years of the Multi-annual Programme.

The following catch limits shall be applied in 2018:

| <i>CPC</i> | <i>Annual catch limits for 2018 (t)</i> |
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| China | 4,784.64 |
| European Union | 15,120.21 |
| Ghana | 3,782.25 |
| Japan | 15,749.44 |
| Philippines | 254.54 |
| Korea | 1,322.54 |
| Chinese Taipei | 10,394.31 |

2. The annual TAC for yellowfin tuna shall be 92,400 t for 2018 and 110,000 t for the following years of the Multi-annual Programme.
3. For both bigeye tuna and yellowfin tuna, the possible underage of the annual catch limits from previous years shall no longer be added to the catch limits of the current or subsequent years.