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**DRAFT RESOLUTION BY ICCAT CONCERNING TRADE OF BLUEFIN TUNA EXCEEDING QUOTA**

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*TAKING INTO ACCOUNT* that a Rebuilding Program for Western Bluefin Tuna amended by the 2016 Recommendation [Rec. 16-08] and a Multi-Annual Recovery Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean amended by the 2014 Recommendation [Rec 14-04], which set national quotas;

*CONCERNED* that an autonomous quota unilaterally set by an ICCAT Contracting Party under an objection could undermine the sustainability of the bluefin tuna stocks and fairness among CPCs with bluefin tuna allocation while fully recognizing that an objection is the legitimate right of ICCAT Contracting Parties pursuant to the ICCAT Convention;

*RECOGNIZING* the benefit of the eBCD system that provides useful information including accumulated catch amounts by CPC,

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

1. The eBCD system shall attach an alert to an eBCD whenever a Contracting Party, and Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity (hereafter referred to as CPC) validates it with the concerned Authority after the total catch amount of the CPC has reached its quota.
2. All CPCs shall endeavor not to import bluefin tuna accompanied by eBCD with such an alert.