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**JOINT STATEMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO, COTE D'IVOIRE, SENEGAL,  
GABON, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, GUINEA (REP.) REGARDING  
THE DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE ICCAT CONVENTION – DOCUMENT PLE-137/2017**

1. The Kingdom of Morocco, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Príncipe and Guinea (Rep.) reject the drafting of the text of document PLE-137/2017 which does not address their concerns.
2. The countries call on the Commission to adopt a decision based on Annex II of the Convention, clearly stating that Chinese Taipei is the sole fishing entity which could be eligible for admission to ICCAT.
3. The potential entry of any other fishing entity must achieve the (unanimous) consensus of the members of the Commission.