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SUBJECT: LETTER REGARDING COMPLIANCE ISSUES IN 2017

Dear Mr. Maurihungirire

On behalf of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing to inform you that, at the 25th Regular meeting of ICCAT (14-21 November 2017, Marrakesh, Morocco), the Commission expressed its concerns regarding deficiencies in Namibia's fulfilment of certain ICCAT reporting requirements.

During the 2017 Compliance Committee meeting, Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) were assessed for compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures and reporting requirements. Based on the review of the Secretariat Report on Statistics and Coordination of Research and the 2017 Secretariat's Report to the Compliance Committee and other available information, the Committee noted the following deficiencies for Namibia:

- The Annual Report was submitted using an old format, and as a result ICCAT was not able to review compliance with certain measures not included in the old format;
- No tropical tuna management plan was submitted, as required by Rec. 16-01, para. 51;
- No information on Namibia's sailfish data collection programs or its implementation of ICCAT sailfish measures, as required in para. 4 of Rec. 16-11, was submitted.

The Commission requests Namibia to reply to this letter before **10 October 2018**, i.e. at least 30 days before the COC special session that shall be held in accordance with the *Resolution by ICCAT to facilitate an effective and efficient Compliance process* [Res. 16-22] prior to the ICCAT Commission 21st Special meeting (scheduled to be held from 12-19 November 2018 in Croatia). The response should indicate all the progress and plans made by Namibia to address each of the issues raised in this letter. Namibia's response will be reviewed by the Compliance Committee at its 2018 meeting to determine if Namibia has taken sufficient and appropriate steps to address these issues.

Please note that all the ICCAT Recommendations and Resolutions, as well as the information related to the reporting requirements, and the deadlines and formats for data submission can be downloaded from the ICCAT web site or are available on request from the ICCAT Secretariat.

ICCAT Recommendations and Resolutions are available here.

The list of SCRS reporting requirements are available here and the list of Commission reporting requirements are available here.

If Namibia has any questions about the issues raised in this letter or about ICCAT requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat at info@iccat.int

Thank you for your attention to these important matters. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration

Derek Campbell
Compliance Committee Chair

cc: Mr. R. Delgado, *Commission Chair*