

**HONDURAS POSITION STATEMENT RELATED TO THE CHAIR'S LETTER  
(ICCAT CIRCULAR #8107/18)**

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Engineer Raúl Delgado  
Chairman  
International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)  
Dubrovnik, Croatia  
Present,

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to write to you regarding your correspondence #6702/18 and #8107/18 on priorities and logistical matters for the forthcoming Commission meeting.

Honduras agrees with you on the importance of our work and, in particular, the work that will be carried out during the next 21st Special Commission meeting that will be held from 12 to 19 November. We commit to fulfill the objectives of the Commission and we trust in your leadership and the support of the Secretariat, and wish you all the success in these meetings.

In that context, the quick adoption of the new Convention text is a special and fundamental issue. Within the framework of the Working Group and after a long process, all of us CPCs have successfully produced a new text which guarantees to modernize the Commission. Today, we would like to ensure that this process is concluded without further delay through the planned adoption, as recommended by the Working Group, so that the text, its annexes, and its interpretative resolutions, are adopted as a package.

In response to your request, Honduras participates in the 21<sup>st</sup> Special Commission meeting with sufficient credentials and capacities to comply with that adoption objective. Honoring your effort, that of your predecessors, the effort of the Secretariat and that of the Chair of the Working Group herself, we trust that the distinguished CPC delegations, who will be with us at this meeting, will show this motivation and the credentials and capacities for adoption, or if necessary, will carry out consistent efforts to guarantee these capacities for the right moment during the meeting.

With the assurance of my highest assurances, we would like to express appreciation for circulating this information to other delegations.

Your sincerely,

(signed and stamped)

Eng. José Luis Osorio Medina  
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Head Delegate to ICCAT Republic of Honduras