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**DRAFT PROPOSED ADDITION TO ICCAT FINANCIAL  
REGULATION 4 FOR AN EBCD SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEME**

**Working Draft**

1bis. In addition to paragraph 1 above, appropriations for a financial period to meet the anticipated costs associated with support, maintenance, and functionality development of the electronic Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation (eBCD) system shall be financed by additional annual contributions made by those members of the Commission that catch and/or trade Atlantic bluefin tuna. These contributions shall be calculated consistent with the principles in paragraph 1 above and shall consist of the following:

- (a) A basic fee of [US\$ 700] and;
- (b) A variable fee that finances the remaining eBCD system costs, after subtracting the amount collected pursuant to para (a) above. Consistent with paragraph 1(b) above, this remaining amount shall be assigned to each of the four groups (A-D) according to the formula specified in paragraph 1(b)(ii). Within each group, the contribution for each of the relevant Contracting Parties shall be calculated on the following basis:
  - i. [30%] of the contribution shall be in proportion to the Contracting Party's total round weight of bluefin tuna catch;
  - ii. [40%] of the contribution shall be in proportion to the Contracting Party's total number of trades in the eBCD system; and
  - iii. [30%] of the contribution shall be in proportion to the Contracting Party's overall volume of Atlantic bluefin tuna imported, as recorded in the eBCD system<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> The relevant trade and import data from the eBCD system shall reflect the same time period used to determine the relevant catch and canning data pursuant to paragraph 1(b)(ii).