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COMISIÓN INTERNACIONAL PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN DEL ATÚN ATLÁNTICO

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**RUSSIA**

**SUBJECT: LETTER ON COMPLIANCE ISSUES**

Dear Mr. Bulátov,

On behalf of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing to inform you that, at the 26th Regular meeting of ICCAT (18-26 November 2019, Palma de Mallorca, Spain), the Commission noted that certain l data had been received late or was missing. The reporting and implementation deficiencies are listed in the attached response template.

During the 2019 Compliance Committee meeting, Contracting Parties, Entities and 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 2019 Secretariat's Report to the Compliance Committee and other available information, the Committee noted the following deficiencies for Russia:

- National scientific observer programme data (through form ST09) received late
- Rec. 18-05: No billfish check sheet received
- Rec. 18-06: No updated shark check sheet received

While it is noted that Russia reported it had no vessels targeting ICCAT species in 2018, the requirements pertaining to check sheets for sharks and billfish apply to all CPCs unless an exemption has been specifically granted by the SCRS. The lists of reporting requirements, the relevant reporting forms, and ICCAT Recommendations and Resolutions are published annually on the ICCAT web site at:

https://www.iccat.int/en/SubmitCOMP.html
https://www.iccat.int/en/submitSTAT.html
https://www.iccat.int/en/RecRes.asp

The Commission requests Russia to reply to this letter before **20 October 2020** and complete the attached template (preferably submitted as an MS Word document) to indicate the actions taken by Russia to rectify the deficiencies indicated.

If you have any questions about the issues raised in this letter, including a request for a more detailed explanation of the issues, please do not hesitate to contact me and the Secretariat at info@iccat.int.

In thanking you for your attention to these important matters, let me express to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Derek Campbell
*Compliance Committee Chair*

cc: M. Delgado, *Commission Chair*