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COMISION INTERNACIONAL PARA LA CONSERVACION DEL ATUN ATLANTICO

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SUBJECT: MANAGEMENT AND CATCHES OF BLUEFIN TUNA IN GIBRALTAR

Honourable Minister,

I refer to my previous letter of 18 September 2019 and should like to bring to your attention, once again, the request expressed by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT) for a stronger cooperation between Gibraltar and ICCAT to ensure sustainable conservation and management of the Atlantic bluefin tuna (*Thynnus thunnus thunnus*) and tuna-like species in the ICCAT Convention area.

As you know, eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna is a species of great significance and has been subject to very strict management regimes to bring into effect the recovery of this stock. As offered in your letter of 17th October 2017, therefore, ICCAT would welcome receiving catch data of Atlantic bluefin tuna and information on specific management measures adopted in Gibraltar to control your bluefin tuna fishery, as we have not yet received these.

The forms for submitting statistical data to ICCAT can be found on the ICCAT web site https://www.iccat.int/en/submitSTAT.html. However, please note that the ICCAT Secretariat will be pleased to render any assistance to your technical staff which they may require in the submission of the data.

The Compliance Committee will be reviewing, in November 2020, all available information and may determine at that time any additional actions to be taken. I should very much appreciate receiving the aforementioned data before **31 July 2020** and a written response to this letter by **21 October 2020** to assist the Committee in its deliberations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the ICCAT Secretariat through info@iccat.int if you require any additional information about ICCAT conservation and management measures.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Derek Campbell

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Compliance Committee Chair

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