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COMISIÓN INTERNACIONAL PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN DEL ATÚN ATLÁNTICO

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SUBJECT: LETTER OF CONTINUED IDENTIFICATION

Honorable Minister,

I have the honour to refer to my previous letters of 6 June 2018 and 18 September 2019 (attached) concerning requests for statistical data and further cooperation with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and am writing on behalf of the Commission to inform Dominica that, at the 26th Regular Meeting of ICCAT (18-26 November 2019, Palma de Mallorca, Spain), the Commission once again decided to renew the identification to Dominica pursuant to *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Trade Measures* [Rec. 06-13] due to Dominica's failure to submit statistical data for ICCAT-managed species in response to ICCAT requests since 2014. I should also like to take this opportunity to inform you that that continued failure to do so could lead to the Commission recommending to its Contracting Parties, pursuant to Article VIII of the ICCAT Convention, to take non-discriminatory trade restrictive measures against Dominica.

ICCAT has noted the lack of response from Dominica as well as the failure to submit catch statistics for its tuna and tuna-like species fisheries. Such data are essential to support robust stock assessments and adoption of effective conservation and management measures. Failure to cooperate with ICCAT in the conservation and management of the species under its competence undermines the effectiveness of those measures. I therefore request that Dominca send, preferably before **31 July 2020**, complete statistical data for tuna and tuna-like species as well as for pelagic shark species, using the forms available at https://www.iccat.int/en/submitSTAT.html, or on request from the ICCAT Secretariat.

In addition to the submitting statistical data, I urge Dominica to reply to this letter in writing before **21 October 2020,** providing information on steps taken to rectify the matters that led to identification, and on its conservation and management regime for ICCAT species. A complete list of ICCAT conservation and management measures is available at: https://www.iccat.int/en/RecRes.asp. This information will be reviewed by the Commission in order to determine additional action, including the possible adoption of non-discriminatory trade restrictive measures if effective rectifying action has not been implemented by Dominica.

On behalf of the Commission, I also encourage Dominica to consider becoming a Contracting Party to ICCAT given your continued interest in the harvest of ICCAT species or, at a minimum, to seek the status of Cooperating Party, Entity, or Fishing Entity in line with *Recommendation by ICCAT on Criteria for Attaining the Status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity in ICCAT* [Rec. 03-20]. Should you require any further information in this regard, or assistance with completing any forms for submission of statistical data, please do not hesitate to contact the ICCAT Secretariat at info@iccat.int.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters, and please accept assurances of my highest consideration.

Derek Campbell
Compliance Committee Chair

cc: Mr. R. Delgado, Commission Chair
Dr. Reginald Thomas, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, Dominica
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Attachments: Letters to Dominica of 6 June 2018 and 18 September 2019