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STATEMENT BY SENEGAL TO THE CHAIR OF PANEL 4 ON PROTECTION OF SHORTFIN MAKO

Senegal takes note of the Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Conservation of Atlantic Shortfin Mako Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries, submitted by Canada, and previously discussed as PA4-805C/2019, but not adopted by the Commission at its regular meeting in 2019, in Palma de Mallorca.

The dire situation of shortfin mako in the North Atlantic, in particular, must be addressed by the Commission with courage and responsibility, by taking adequate management measures that are consistent with SCRS recommendations. SCRS advice is irrevocable and unambiguous: the North Atlantic stock is overfished and experiencing overfishing, and the South Atlantic stock is exposed to the same risk.

Senegal endorses Canada's proposal and supports the introduction of non-retention for the North Atlantic shortfin mako stock and a TAC of 2001 t for the South Atlantic shortfin mako stock.

My country wishes to co-sponsor Canada's proposal and invites the Commission to adopt it.