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26 July 2021

SUBJECT: LETTER ON COMPLIANCE ISSUES - VANUATU

Dear Mr. Naviti

On behalf of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing to inform you that during the Decision-Making Process which took place in lieu of Commission meeting in 2020, the Commission noted that certain information had not been received, and that some reporting deficiencies remain unresolved. The reporting and implementation deficiencies are listed in the attached response template.

The Commission noted, with regret, the withdrawal of Vanuatu from ICCAT and understands that future submissions of information are no longer obligatory. Notwithstanding, the annual report for 2019, which should have been submitted in 2020, was not received, nor were the check sheets for shark and billfish, or a list of designated ports. Additionally, Vanuatu did not respond to my 2019 letter on compliance issues.

It would be appreciated if the outstanding annual report for last year could be submitted, along with the other missing information referenced above, albeit retroactively, together with confirmation that Vanuatu is not involved in any fisheries or related activities involving ICCAT species taken in the ICCAT Convention area.

The Commission requests Vanuatu to reply to this letter before **1 October 2021**. 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 through 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: Mr. R. Delgado, Commission Chair
Mr. Derek Campbell, Compliance Committee Chair