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COMISIÓN INTERNACIONAL PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN DEL ATÚN ATLÁNTICO

26 July 2021

Honourable Ezekiel Joseph
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Physical Planning,
Natural Resources and Cooperatives
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH ICCAT

Honourable Minister,

On behalf of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing to inform you that during the 2020 Decision Making Process the Commission reviewed the information received from St. Lucia, and was pleased to note that statistical data had once again been received.

ICCAT would like to thank you for your cooperation to date and to request that St. Lucia continue providing, in a timely manner, complete statistical data for tuna and tuna-like species, as well as for billfish and pelagic shark species, which are of the utmost importance to ICCAT to ensure that accurate information is taken into account in stock assessments.

The Commission also took note of the response received from St. Lucia on 6 October 2020 outlining the reasons why St. Lucia is not currently in a position to become a Contracting Party to ICCAT. I do reiterate, however, my encouragement for St. Lucia to consider seeking 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 or other relevant data, please do not hesitate to contact the ICCAT Secretariat (at info@iccat.int).

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

Derek Campbell

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Compliance Committee Chair

cc: Mr. R. Delgado, Commission Chair
Dr Maren Headley, CRFM
Mr. Derek Campbell, Compliance Committee Chair