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SUBJECT: LETTER ON COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Dear,

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 the 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 below and in the attached response template.

During the 2020 decision making process, Contracting Parties, Entities and Fishing Entities (CPCs) were assessed for compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures and reporting requirements. Based on the review of the Secretariat Report on Statistics and Coordination of Research and the 2020 Secretariat's Report to the Compliance Committee and other available information, the Committee noted the deficiencies listed below for Brazil.

- Rec. 16-01: Some quarterly bigeye tuna catch reports received late
- Rec. 11-11: Compliance reporting tables incomplete (no information on compliance with size limits)

Lack of full implementation of ICCAT requirements can undermine the work of the Commission in fulfilling the Convention's objectives, and late or incomplete reporting causes difficulties for the Secretariat in preparing documents for the Commission and its Panels and Committees and reduces the effectiveness of the Compliance Committee. While noting the issues identified above, I would also like to recognize the significant improvement that Brazil has made in the last couple of years in satisfying its ICCAT reporting requirements.

The Commission requests Brazil to reply to this letter before **1October 2020** and complete the attached template (preferably submitted as an MS Word document) to indicate the actions taken by Brazil to rectify the deficiencies indicated.

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.

Lastly, but most importantly, I wish to expresses my deepest sympathies and condolences to Brazil as well as the family of Dr Hazin regarding his tragic and untimely passing earlier this year. I first encountered Fabio at the beginning of my career when I attended the negotiations of the FAO Port State Measures Agreement. I was in awe of how he deftly chaired these negotiations to a very successful outcome and made a difficult negotiation enjoyable because of his personable demeanor, sense of humor, and unwavering commitment to sustainable resource management. I consider myself very fortunate to have continued to work with Fabio and to experience such qualities for another dozen years at ICCAT, during the majority of which we were fellow Officers with the Commission. He contributed immensely to the functioning of the Commission, including in the Compliance Committee, and simply was a joy to work with. He is missed dearly.

In thanking you for your attention to these important matters, let me express to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Derek Campbell

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Compliance Committee Chair

cc: R. Delgado, *Commission Chair*