

**92-3 RESOLUTION BY ICCAT REGARDING THE REFLAGGING OF VESSELS TO
AVOID COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONALLY AGREED
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES
FOR LIVING MARINE RESOURCES**

The Commission:

Noting that among the objectives of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas is to ensure the effective conservation and rational management of tuna and tuna-like fishes in the Atlantic Ocean, including the adjacent seas,

Recognizing that, under Article 117 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, all States have the duty to take, or to cooperate with other States in taking, such measures for their respective nationals as may be necessary for the conservation of the living resources of the high seas;

Mindful that the reflagging of vessels as a means of avoiding internationally agreed conservation and management measures for living marine resources seriously undermines the effectiveness of such measures;

Endorses the decision of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to call upon States to take effective action, consistent with international law, to deter reflagging of vessels by their nationals as a means of avoiding compliance with internationally agreed conservation and management measures for fishing activities on the high seas; and

Encourages all countries to move forward as quickly as possible to undertake the negotiation of an international agreement on this matter.