

WHEREAS ICCAT adopted a Resolution in November 1990 endorsing U.N. General Assembly Resolution 44/225 regarding large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing on the high seas and calling upon all of its member nations to support the Resolution;

WHEREAS Resolution 45/197 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 21 December 1990 on large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impacts on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas reaffirmed Resolution 44/225 and called for its full implementation;

WHEREAS Resolution 46/215 adopted by the United Nations general Assembly on 20 December 1991 on large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impacts on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas called upon all members of the international community to ensure that a global moratorium on all large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing be fully implemented on the high seas of the world's oceans and seas, including enclosed seas and semi-enclosed seas by 31 December, 1992.

WHEREAS the Commission is aware of the difficulty in ensuring that no vessels fish contrary to the U.N. Resolution calling for the global moratorium;

WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Commission that large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing on the high seas has taken place in waters under the purview of ICCAT since 31 December 1991;

WHEREAS the Commission is concerned over the possibility that certain stocks of fish under the purview of ICCAT and other marine resources could be adversely affected by such fishing;

WHEREAS the Commission is concerned over the possibility that driftnet fishing contrary to the intent of U.N. Resolutions 44/215, 45/197, and 46/215 could take place in the future in waters under the purview of ICCAT;

WHEREAS the Commission emphasizes its commitment to the concept of responsible fishing, as developed in the framework of the FAO Code of Conduct;

Now therefore, the

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE
CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) :

ENDORSES U.N. General Assembly Resolutions 44/225, 45/197, and 46/215;

REAFFIRMS the importance it attaches to compliance with these Resolutions.

EXPRESSES its serious concern over the potential negative impact that large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing could have on the marine resources of the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea, and its intention to closely monitor the effect of driftnet fishing on these resources;

CALLS UPON all of its member nations to ensure that the global moratorium called for in the U.N. Resolutions is fully implemented and to report to the Commission the regulatory measures taken in order to assure their implementation.

ENCOURAGES all members of the international community to take measures individually and collectively to prevent all large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing on the high seas.