

RESOLUTION BY ICCAT ON LARGE-SCALE PELAGIC DRIFTNET FISHING

WHEREAS ICCAT adopted a Resolution in November 1993 endorsing U.N. General Assembly Resolutions 44/225, 45/197, and 46/215 regarding large-scale high seas pelagic driftnet fishing and its impacts on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas, and calling upon all of its member nations to support these Resolutions; and

WHEREAS reports have come to the attention of members of the Commission that large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing has persisted in areas under the purview of ICCAT, during 1994;

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

WHEREAS the Commission continues to be concerned over the possibility that large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing contrary to the intent of U. N. Resolutions 44/225, 45/197 and 46/215 could take place in the future in waters under the purview of ICCAT;

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

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

REAFFIRMS the importance it attaches to compliance with the U.N. General Assembly Resolutions 44/225, 45/197 and 46/215;

EXPRESSES its appreciation for the measures taken individually and collectively by its members to implement these Resolutions.

EXPRESSES its continued concern over the potential negative impacts 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 fully implement these Resolutions and to report to the Commission and to the U.N. Secretary General the regulatory measures taken in order to assure such implementation, per U.N. Decisions 47/443 and 48/445.

CALLS UPON all of its member nations to take greater enforcement responsibility to ensure that their nationals and fishing vessels comply with Resolution 46/215, and to impose the appropriate sanctions against their nationals and fishing vessels that act contrary to the terms of Resolution 46/215.