

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

RECALLING that the Conference of Plenipotentiaries which took place in Paris on July 9 and 10, 1984, adopted a Protocol amending Articles XIV, XV and XVI of the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas,

RECALLING ALSO that the objective of this Protocol is to permit the adherence to the ICCAT Convention of any inter-governmental economic integration organization comprised of States that have transferred to it competence in matters concerning the Convention, including competence in concluding treaties on these matters,

CONFIRMING the interest shown by the European Community in becoming a party to the Convention,

UNDERLINING that the Protocol, in accordance with the provisions of its paragraph III shall enter into force upon deposit with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of instruments of approval, ratification or acceptance of all the Contracting Parties,

NOTING that only two Contracting Parties have not yet deposited an instrument of approval, ratification or acceptance,

1. MAKES AN APPEAL urging the two States concerned that they should become parties to said Protocol as soon as possible,
2. REQUESTS the Chairman of the Commission to urgently carry out a personal demarche to the competent authorities of the two countries in question, in order to relay the Commission's concern in this matter and to encourage the governments of said countries to initiate the necessary procedures to become parties to the Protocol and thus permitting the European Community to participate, as a full member, at the next session of the Commission.