

WELCOMING the initiative by purse seine fleets from certain Contracting Parties to apply, on a voluntary basis, a closed area and season for the use of fish aggregating devices (FADS)

NOTING THAT, at its Tenth Special Meeting in 1996, ICCAT adopted an observer program concerning fisheries for bigeye and yellowfin tuna, by purse seine and other gears;

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

- 1) To appeal to other concerned Contracting Parties to undertake other appropriate measures to improve the situation of the stock:
- 2) That the Standing Committee on Research & Statistics (SCRS) will examine, in 1998, the results of the observer program adopted in 1996 for all tropical tuna fleets, including the results of this voluntary measure of a closed area and period, in order to determine areas and seasons of concentrations of juveniles and spawners.