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ESTABLISH WG ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA

TITLE: *Resolution by ICCAT to Establish a Working Group on Allocation Criteria*
(Transmitted to Contracting Parties: **December 22, 1998**)

CONSIDERING the need to strengthen ICCAT as a regional fisheries management body;

TAKING into account the applicable rules of International Law and the principles of the relevant international agreements and instruments referring to conservation and management measures;

RECALLING the responsibilities of ICCAT in relation to the implementation of the provisions of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing and other relevant international instruments;

REAFFIRMING the commitment of the Parties to give full implementation to the current regulatory measures;

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

- 1 To establish an open-ended Working Group on Allocation Criteria, whose Terms of Reference shall be:
 - a To analyze and consider recommending criteria for quota allocation, including allocation matters affecting current Contracting Parties, new Contracting Parties and non-contracting parties, entities or fishing entities, to be adopted by ICCAT; and
 - b To analyze and consider other relevant matters related to this objective.
- 2 In carrying out its assignment, the Working Group shall:
 - c Report its progress on paragraphs 1(a) and 1(b) above to the Secretariat of ICCAT in a defined time frame;
 - d Be assisted by the ICCAT Secretariat;
 - e Make every effort to hold at least one meeting before the next regular meeting of the Commission.

And

- 3 To invite observers at ICCAT meetings, FAO, and other regional fisheries organizations to participate in the meetings of the Working Group.