

**RESOLUTION BY ICCAT CONCERNING THE MEASURES TO PREVENT
THE LAUNDERING OF CATCHES BY ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND
UNREGULATED (IUU) LARGE-SCALE TUNA LONGLINE FISHING VESSELS**

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RECALLING ICCAT's 1997 Recommendation by ICCAT on Transshipments and Vessel Sightings and 1998 Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Ban on Landings and Transshipments of Vessels from Non-Contracting Parties Identified as Having Committed a Serious Infringement;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the need to implement the FAO International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (IPOA-IUU), which was adopted at the 24th session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries in 2001;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program is currently being implemented, and that similar Programs for Bigeye Tuna and Swordfish established by the Commission are coming into effect;

EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN that a significant amount of catches by illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing vessels are believed to be transferred under the names of duly licensed fishing vessels;

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

- 1 Contracting Parties, Cooperating non Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (hereinafter referred to as the "CPCs") should ensure that their duly licensed large-scale tuna longline fishing vessels have a prior authorization of at sea or in port transshipment and obtain the validated Statistical Document, whenever possible, prior to the transshipment of their tuna and tuna-like species subject to the Statistical Document Programs. They should also ensure that transshipments are consistent with the reported catch amount of each vessel in validating the Statistical Document and require the reporting of transshipment.
- 2 CPCs that import tuna and tuna-like species caught by large-scale tuna longline fishing vessels and subject to the Statistical Document Programs should require transporters (which include container vessels, mother vessels, and the like) that intend to land such species in their ports, to ensure that Statistical Documents are issued, whenever possible before the transshipment. Importing CPCs should obligate the transporters to submit necessary documents, including a copy of the validated Statistical Document and other documents, as required under domestic regulation, such as the receipt of transshipment, to the importing CPCs' authorities immediately after the transshipment.