

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT
CONCERNING THE LIFTING OF BIGEYE TUNA, BLUEFIN TUNA,
AND SWORDFISH TRADE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES AGAINST SIERRA LEONE**

RECALLING the 1994 *Resolution by ICCAT Concerning an Action Plan to Ensure Effectiveness of the Conservation Program for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna* [Res. 94-03], the 1995 *Resolution by ICCAT Concerning an Action Plan to Ensure the Effectiveness of the Conservation Program for Atlantic Swordfish* [Res. 95-13], the 1998 *Resolution by ICCAT Concerning the Unreported and Unregulated Catches of Tunas by Large-Scale Longline Vessels in the Convention Area* [Res. 98-18]; and the *Resolution by ICCAT on Trade Measures* [Res. 03-15];

FURTHER RECALLING the adoption of the *Recommendation by ICCAT for Trade Restrictive Measures on Sierra Leone* [Rec. 02-19];

RECOGNIZING the efforts made by Sierra Leone to address the concerns of the Commission, including reporting data, developing a monitoring and control plan, which will be submitted to the Commission for information, and deregistering a vessel previously identified as conducting illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing activities in the Convention area; and

WELCOMING closer cooperation by Sierra Leone with ICCAT;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS RECOMMENDS THAT:

- 1 Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) shall lift the import prohibitions on Atlantic bigeye tuna, bluefin tuna, and swordfish and their products in any form that were imposed on Sierra Leone pursuant to the *Recommendation by ICCAT for Trade Restrictive Measures on Sierra Leone* [Rec. 02-19];
- 2 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the CPCs shall implement this recommendation as soon as possible in accordance with their internal regulatory procedures.