

RESOLUTION BY ICCAT TO STRENGTHEN ICCAT

RECALLING the provisions set out in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, as well as the associated International Plans of Action;

TAKING INTO account the significant measures that ICCAT has already implemented to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing;

WELCOMING the recent declarations at the FAO Ministerial Meeting on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing (March 2005), the St. John's Conference on High Seas Fisheries and the United Nations Fish Agreement (UNFSA) (May 2005), and the 2nd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Oceans-related Ministerial Meeting (September 2005);

RECALLING the meeting of tuna regional fisheries management organizations in January 2007, to be hosted by Japan, with a view to coordinating the global management of tuna and tuna like species;

ANXIOUS that ICCAT, a regional fisheries management organization (RFMO) of long standing, should as a matter of priority, address issues and concerns with a view to its strengthening;

CONSCIOUS that if these issues are to be addressed efficiently, their consideration should be channeled through existing mechanisms within ICCAT, where possible.

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

1. At the 2006 annual meeting, the Commission should review ICCAT's conservation and management program taking account of the provisions set out in relevant international fisheries instruments. Following the review, the Commission should, at the 2006 annual meeting, develop a workplan to address the strengthening of the organization.
2. To assist the Commission in this task, the Secretariat should compile, for circulation to members by August 1, 2006, a list of the provisions of the relevant international fisheries instruments and, where appropriate, indicate where ICCAT's conservation and management program addresses those provisions.