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SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT AMENDING THE RECOMMENDATION 16-07 ON SOUTH ATLANTIC ALBACORE CATCH LIMITS FOR THE PERIOD 2017-2020

NOTING that the extraordinary circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic which led to the cancellation of the 22nd Special Meeting of the Commission resulted in the continuation of the previous measure for South Atlantic albacore;

CONSIDERING that the SCRS noted that catches of South albacore are well below the current TAC but that some catch reporting may be incomplete and not in full conformity with SCRS requirements;

CONFIRMING that the extension of current measures in no way prejudices any future measures or discussions;

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

- 1. The terms of the 2016 *Recommendation by ICCAT on the Southern Albacore Catch Limits for the Period 2017-2020* (Rec. 16-07) are extended to 2022, with the following modifications:
 - a) The table in paragraph 3 shall be modified to include the Republic of the Philippines, with a catch limit of 25 t.
 - b) Paragraph 6 is amended as follows:

"Notwithstanding the *Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding the Temporary Adjustment of Quotas* (Rec. 01-12)," all CPCs specifically referred to in paragraph 3 may transfer a portion of their quota to another CPC subject to both CPCs agreeing and providing prior notification to the ICCAT Secretariat in terms of the quantity to be transferred. The Secretariat shall disseminate this notification to all CPCs.

- 2. CPCs are urged to fully implement the requirements of paragraph 7 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT* on the Southern Albacore Catch Limits for the Period 2017-2020 (Rec. 16-07) and report to the Secretariat as appropriate.
- 3. The Recommendation amends *Recommendation by ICCAT on the Southern Albacore Catch Limits for the Period 2017 to 2020* (Rec. 16-07) and repeals and replaces the *Supplemental Recommendation by ICCAT to amend the Recommendation 16-07 on South Atlantic Albacore Catch Limits for the Period 2017-2020* (Rec. 20-05).