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COMISIÓN INTERNACIONAL PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN DEL ATÚN ATLÁNTICO

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON FISHERIES ACCESS AGREEMENTS WITH COLOMBIA AND HARVEST OF ICCAT SPECIES

Dear Dr. Salum

On behalf of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing to inform you that, at the 26th Regular meeting of ICCAT (18-26 November 2019, Palma de Mallorca, Spain), the Commission reviewed a request for cooperation status which had been submitted by Colombia.

While the Commission was pleased to welcome Colombia as a cooperating party, it was noted from their request that they had an access agreement with two foreign-flagged longline vessels that catch species covered by ICCAT, and that catch and effort fishing data are submitted to ICCAT by the by the flag States. One of the vessels reported as having such an access agreement was flagged to Tanzania with the following details.

Name: Haleluya
Flag: Tanzania
Net register: 25.1 MT
Length: 24.5 m
Beam: 5.0 m
Engine power: 600 HP
Duration of patent: 26 July 2020
Authorised fishery: Tuna and other fish

As no data or other information relating to fishing activities in the Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas have been received from Tanzania to date, I should be grateful if you could provide any clarification as to activities currently taking place, and, if appropriate, provide the data to ICCAT in the appropriate reporting forms, available at https://www.iccat.int/Forms/ST01-10-TRI.7z (or on request from the Secretariat). Note that the ICCAT Secretariat will be happy to assist you with the completion of these forms or answer any questions you may have as to the data required and can be contacted at info@iccat.int. I should also be grateful if Tanzania would share information about legal measures it has in place to manage the activities of these fishing vessels, including to ensure they operate in a sustainable manner and consistent with ICCAT conservation and management measures. ICCAT conservation and management measures are available at https://www.iccat.int/en/RecRes.asp.

Taking into account actions taken and information provided by Tanzania in response to this letter, ICCAT's Compliance Committee will recommend appropriate actions to address any data deficiencies or fishing activity that may be inconsistent with ICCAT's conservation and management regime. This may include identification under the Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Trade Measures (Rec. 06-13), which could lead to more severe actions, such as trade prohibitions.

I should also like to take this opportunity to encourage Tanzania to consider becoming a Contracting Party to ICCAT if you continue to have an interest in the harvest of ICCAT species or, at a minimum, to seek the status of Cooperating Party, Entity, or Fishing Entity in line with the *Recommendation by ICCAT on Criteria for Attaining the Status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity in ICCAT* [Rec. 03-20].

In thanking you for your attention to these important matters, let me express to you the assurances of my highest consideration, and would very much appreciate receiving a response before **21 October 2020**.

Derek Campbell
Compliance Committee Chair

cc: M. Delgado, *Commission Chair*