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**STATEMENT BY SENEGAL TO THE ICCAT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR (PA1-502/2020)**

The bigeye tuna catch limits for 2020, which are set out in the table contained in **PA1-502/2020**, do not reflect the requirements and the objectives of Recommendation 19-02, on account of the following reasons.

The table in **PA1-502/2020** should not include the limits that have been unilaterally declared by CPCs, particularly where these are not consistent with paragraph 4 of Rec. 19-02.

Recommendation 19-02 establishes rules for determining limits for the CPCs referred to in paragraphs 4 (a-c) and does not mention limits for CPCs whose recent average catches are less than 1,000 t, or rules to determine these. Therefore, it is not adequate to set limits for these CPCs or to calculate "total limits" since the previous limits of Rec. 16-01 (1,575 t or 3,500 t) are no longer applicable because Rec. 16-01 has been replaced by Rec. 19-02 (see para 68 of Rec. 19-02).

In my view, any overage or underage permissible under paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of Rec. 19-02 and verified by SCRS data, should be noted separately in the table to ensure full transparency. For example, there is a lack of information on how the EU has added the carryover of 2,121.35 t from 2018 to its 2020 bigeye tuna limit.

Therefore, I do not approve the table in **PA1-502/2020** as presented, nor its use for compliance purposes or any other. The template below better presents the catch limits under Rec. 19-02, based on estimates by the Secretariat for approval by COC and Panel 1.

	<i>CPC catch limits according to para 4 (a-c)</i>		<i>Average of CPC recent catches to which para 4 (d) applies</i>	<i>Comments (explain any overage, underage and transfer under Rec. 19-02)</i>
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