

**STATEMENT BY EL SALVADOR ON COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**  
(COC-308\_Appendix 2/2020)

The Delegation of El Salvador would like to respectfully extend its greetings to you and would like to refer to document COC-308 Appendix 2/2020, regarding the recommendations on compliance actions presented by you and which have resulted in a letter to El Salvador on reporting issues with reference to the compliance of catch limits.

*The Recommendation by ICCAT to replace Recommendation 16-01 by ICCAT on a multi-annual conservation and management programme for tropical tunas [Rec. 19-02], which was agreed at the 26th Regular Meeting of the Commission in November 2019, for the first time established a catch limit for El Salvador, in force in 2020, as well as a series of control measures on fishing effort, such as FAD closures in the Atlantic Ocean and FAD limitations per vessel. Despite the sacrifice imposed on the fleet, my Government established the relevant control mechanisms, and I am pleased to inform you and the Committee that El Salvador has complied accordingly and in a timely manner with all the measures imposed, thus reflecting El Salvador's renewed commitment to comply with ICCAT's provisions effectively, in particular complying with the bigeye catch limit of 1,553 t for 2020, which implies a 40% reduction compared to the catch in recent years.*

The Republic of El Salvador has implemented strong compliance control mechanisms to meet its obligations, both at domestic level and those agreed within the framework of regional fisheries management organizations, in particular with ICCAT. Therefore, we can guarantee that El Salvador has resolved all reporting difficulties and we hope to focus our efforts on the correct management of the fisheries managed by ICCAT, whose success also depends on the social, economic and environmental development of my country.

I would be grateful if the Compliance Committee Chair could distribute this letter among all the other CPCs. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.