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**STATEMENT BY SENEGAL TO THE CHAIR OF ICCAT PANEL 1 (PA1-502/2020 AND PA1-503/2020)**

Recommendation 19-02 aims to reduce catches while facilitating the recovery of bigeye tuna. It also contains important control and surveillance mechanisms which aim to ensure responsible management of the tropical tunas fishery and which must continue to be complied with.

A bigeye TAC of 61,500 t and a three-month (3) closure of the FAD fishery in 2021, which have been adopted by consensus, should be maintained.

Senegal supports your proposal to amend Rec. 19-02 (**PA1-503/2020**) to ensure compliance with management measures, in particular those contained in paragraphs 4, 8, 18 and 60 in 2021 and reaffirms its commitment to bigeye tuna recovery and sustainable management of stocks within the scope of the ICCAT Convention.

The Meeting of Panel 1 in 2021 is a good opportunity to assess the current management measures while moving towards mechanisms that appropriately reflect the rights of developing coastal States.

As regards bigeye catch limits in 2020, the table in **PA1-502/2020** does not reflect the requirements and objectives of Rec. 19-02 on account of the following reasons:

- Limits declared unilaterally by CPCs in particular where these are not consistent with paragraph 4 of Rec. 19-02.
- Rec. 19-02 establishes rules for determining limits for the CPCs referred to in paragraph 4 (a-c) and does not mention limits (or rules for determining these) for CPCs whose recent average catches are less than 1,000 t. As a result, it is not adequate to establish limits for these CPCs or to calculate "total limits" since the limits (1,575 t and 3,500 t) are not applicable because Rec. 19-02 replaces Rec. 16-01 (see para 68 of Rec. 19-02).
- 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 no information on carryover by the EU of 2,121.35 t from 2018 to its 2020 bigeye limit.

Therefore, Senegal does not approve the table contained in **PA1-502/2020** as presented, nor its use for compliance purposes or any other. The template below better presents the 2020 catch limits under Rec. 19-02, based on Secretariat estimates.

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