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STATEMENT BY GABON TO PANEL 1 - 2ND ROUND

DOCUMENTS PA1_503A AND PA1_511/2020

Gabon appreciates the efforts made by the CPCs that are members of Panel 1, so that this subsidiary body can achieve its objectives despite the health context we are experiencing.

Regarding document PA1-511/2020, Gabon supports the Chair's proposal provided that the issues of the *bigeye tuna TAC for 2022 and beyond and allocation key for TAC distribution* are referred to the physical intersessional meeting in June 2021. The time allocated (4h30) for the discussion will not enable a consensus to be achieved, and furthermore, logistical constraints linked to the running of virtual meetings will limit participation of developing countries. For this purpose, we propose that points 7 and 8 of the list of priorities for Panel 1 in 2021 be addressed during the first virtual meeting (February 2021).

Gabon also endorses document PA1-503A/2020, proposed by the Chair of Panel 1.