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**TO THE CHAIR OF PANEL 2  
STATEMENT FROM THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO ON THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON  
EASTERN ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN BLUEFIN TUNA [PA2-609/20]**

The draft Recommendation PA2-609/20, presented to the Panel 2 Chair, suggests that the 2020 TAC [Rec. 19-04, paragraph 5] of 36,000 t be maintained for 2021 and 2022. However, the SCRS advice on Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna for 2022 will be reviewed in 2021 based on the update of abundance indicators.

Thus, Morocco supports the proposal of the Panel 2 Chair (document PA2-609) to roll over ICCAT Rec. 19-04 to 2021.