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**LETTER FROM PANEL 3 CHAIR
(ON THE WAY FORWARD ON ESSENTIAL BUSINESS)**

Dear Panel 3 Colleagues,

Further to ICCAT Circular 7099/20, I should like to inform you that specific support for the proposal has been received from Japan and there have been no objections to PA3-701. I therefore intend to put forward this draft proposal to the Commission for its adoption.

I should also invite any members of Panel 3 wishing to avail themselves of the carry over of underage in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4a) and b), to inform me, with copy to the Secretariat, before **25 November 2020**. To date I have received notification only from Japan.

Such confirmation may be made either by correspondence or through a Statement to Panel 3. Any statement to Panel 3 may be submitted before **25 November 2020** in accordance with ICCAT Circular 7324/2020, as the Commission Chair agreed to allow one statement per CPC and subsidiary body in each round of the correspondence period. These will be translated and posted on the 2020 Commission documents webpage.

Requests for carry over will be included in my final report to be put forward to the Commission together with the draft proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Saasa Pheeha
Chair of Panel 3