

STATEMENT IN RELATION TO PANEL 3

(Submitted by the European Union)

The EU supports Panel 3 Chair's proposal on southern albacore to extend the *Recommendation by ICCAT on the Southern Albacore Catch Limits for the Period 2017 to 2020* [Rec. 16-07] for one year to 2021. The EU understands that it means all the conservation and management measures applicable in 2020 will continue to be applied in 2021.

Taking this opportunity and responding to the request made by the Chair (Document PA3-702), the EU informs, in accordance with paragraph 4a) and b) of the Rec. 16-07, that it will carry over the underage of its 2019 quota to 2021. The underage of 2019 is 1755,77 t. However, since according to Rec. 16-07 the maximum amount of carry-over allowed is 25% of the initial quota (1470,00 t), 367, 50 t (25% of 1470,00 t) will be transferred to 2021.