

STATEMENT BY BELIZE TO THE CHAIR OF PANEL 3 (2ND ROUND)

Belize would like to thank the Chair for the proposal outlined in Doc. No. PA3-701/20 to extend the *Recommendation by ICCAT on the Southern Albacore Catch Limits for the Period 2017 to 2020* [Rec. 16-07] on South Atlantic Albacore Catch Limits which was due to expire in 2020 to 2021; and express our support for the adoption of this proposal.

Belize would also like to express its intention to carry over our underage in 2019 to 2021 in accordance with Paragraph 4(a) of Rec. 16-07. Since Belize's underage for 2019 exceeded 25% of its initial quota allocation of 250 t, Belize would like to carry forward 62.5 t of its underages in 2019 to 2021.

Furthermore, Belize would also like to request to be considered for allocation of any remaining underage in accordance with paragraph 4(b) and/or (c) of Rec. 16-07 as appropriate to complement our initial quota allocation.