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STATEMENT BY SOUTH AFRICA TO PANEL 3 - ROUND 2

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**LETTER ON THE WAY FORWARD ON ESSENTIAL BUSINESS ON PA3
[ICCAT CIRCULAR #7703/20]**

Dear Mr. Pheeha,

I hope this correspondence finds you well in what has been a challenging year for not only South Africa but also all other Member States in the important work in managing and conserving Atlantic tunas and other marine related species.

South Africa supports Panel 3 Chair's proposal on Southern Atlantic Albacore tuna, i.e., to extend the ICCAT Recommendation 16-07 (Rec. 16-07) for one year to 2021 (PA3-701), including all the current Conservation and Management Measures contained therein.

In accordance with ICCAT Circular 7324/2020, South Africa would also like to inform the Secretariat that in accordance with paragraph 4a) and b) of Rec. 16-07, that it will carry over the underage of its 2019 quota to be fished during the 2021 fishing season. The underage of 2019 is 1097.13 t.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)

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