

CHINESE TAIPEI'S STATEMENT TO PLENARY ON PANEL 1

Considering the exceptional circumstances faced at present, Chinese Taipei would like to firstly thank the PA1 Chair and relevant CPCs for the efforts and contributions made during the course of correspondence process.

Chinese Taipei shares with the Commission Chair that those provisions of Rec. 19-02 which are not limited in time will remain in force in 2021. Nonetheless, after further reviewing the two draft proposals (PA1-503 and PA1-503A), CPCs' comments, and Rec. 19-02, Chinese Taipei would like to seek the clarification whether the extension will also apply to paragraph 12 of Rec. 19-02, as it seems that paragraph 1 of PA1-503A is slightly ambiguous in this regard.

If not, or for the purpose of clarity, a new paragraph 2 to the draft proposal is then suggested as follows, the text of which is the same as paragraph 12 of Rec. 19-02 except for the year mentioned therein.

2. For CPCs listed in Paragraph 3 of Rec. 16-01, underage or overage of an annual catch limit in 2020 shall be added to/or deducted from their 2022 annual catch limit, subject to 10% of initial quota restrictions noted in paragraphs 9a and 10 and Rec. 16-01.

With respect to the original paragraph 2 of PA1-503A, Chinese Taipei supports the PA1 Chair's draft text, for it is simply a copy from the wordings of paragraph 67 of Rec. 19-02, a most pragmatic way forward given the complexity of discussion through correspondence.

As the pandemic is still ongoing, it is believed that CPCs all agree that rolling-over of Rec. 19-02 is needed to avoid the risk of no measures at all. Drawing lessons from the IATTC, Chinese Taipei hopes that consensus could be reached in time.