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STATEMENT BY HONDURAS TO PLENARY

1. Regarding the Panel 1 report:

Given that that there was no consensus on document PA1_503A/20, in particular the extension of paragraph 4 of Recommendation 19-02, my country will not object to the consensus to support ICCAT's collaborative management, however it stresses the importance of abidance by the procedural rules and regulations of the Convention on broad and non discriminatory participation of the Parties in decision making.

2. Regarding the COC report:

We do not share the recommendation not to renew cooperating status for Colombia, nor the objection to this country's request submitted by the European Union, based on bringing into question a vessel that is being investigated, or the expression of Colombia's aspirations. We consider it contradictory not to renew the status of this coastal country on the Atlantic Ocean. Closing the doors to a cooperator for its aspirations and exercise of due process, when it has expressed its will to comply with the measures of the Commission, in compliance with the Code of Conduct on Responsible Fisheries and the international fisheries regulations. Therefore, my country urges the parties to renew Cooperating status for Colombia.

3. Regarding the PWG

In accordance with the provisions of Rec. 03-20, my country supports renewal of Cooperating status for Bolivia, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guyana and Suriname, and it is requested that this be reflected in the relevant report.

4. Regarding the draft calendar of intersessional meetings

My country reiterates the need for sufficient Panel 1 meetings to be held, in terms of number, duration and quality, to address the complex and broad pending business.