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**STATEMENT BY SENEGAL TO PWG - ROUND 2  
(Document PWG-415 regarding *Mario 11*)**

Senegal acknowledges proper receipt of the comments by Japan, the United States and the European Union informing of their opposition to removal of *Mario 11* from the draft ICCAT IUU list.

In response, Senegal wishes to make the following comments.

Further to ICCAT Circular 4085/20 of 16 June 2020, whereby the United States informed the Commission of the presumed IUU fishing by *Mario 11*, Senegal communicated to the United States its full cooperation in this area and exchanges have been made in this regard. I would also like to highlight that Senegal continues to closely monitor its vessel owner and if necessary takes useful measures for the purpose of compliance with the national regulation.

As regards Japan's opposition to Senegal's request for removal of *Mario* from the IUU list, Senegal thanks Japan and expresses its will for constructive cooperation in this regard.

At the time, Senegal provided Japan with a full response to the situation of *Mario* and wishes to confirm its comments contained in ICCAT Circular No. 4826/20 of 13 July 2020, Japan's understanding of which may have been hampered by a semantic issue.

Clearly put, Senegal was saying that "the activities (including fishing operations) of the vessels *Mario 7* and *11* in 2019 were monitored and these activities complied with the laws and regulations in force"; consequently, no non-compliance was noted, which confirms the legality of the catch of 1.7 t of marlin at that date.

Senegal thanks the European Union and wishes to reaffirm that the vessel *Mario 11* has not been granted fishing authorization in 2020. A removal procedure was commenced on 7 January 2020 by Senegal. In addition, Senegal has even requested and obtained removal of *Mario 11* from the ICCAT list of vessels authorised in 2020.

In light of the above, Senegal supports the United States proposal of "to changing the current flag of the vessel on the ICCAT IUU vessel list from "Senegal" to "unknown", with Senegal listed as the previous flag of the vessel."

As regards the vessel *Sage*, Senegal reminds that this vessel was authorised following submission of the required documents issued by the Gambian authorities (Ref. PWG\_412). Senegal does not oppose inclusion of *SAGE* in the ICCAT IUU list, in the absence of clarification of the authenticity of the documents by the flag State (The Gambia).