

**STATEMENT FROM CANADA TO STACFAD – ROUND 3**

Canada again thanks the Chair and the Secretariat for further refinements of the documents still under consideration by STACFAD, as outlined in STF-216.

Regarding the proposed changes to the MPF recommendation (STF-205 Appendix 2B) and rules of procedure (STF-205 Appendix 3B), Canada supports the way forward identified in the latest versions of the documents, which as previously indicated balances the objectives of the Fund with the need to ensure its sustainable and equitable management. We appreciate the flexibility of CPCs in agreeing to this approach. On this item, however, we suggest a few further edits to the rules of procedure (STF-205 Appendix 3B), for the sake of consistency with the rest of the text as well as for clarity. In the last paragraph of section 4 on approval of funding we would suggest the following changes:

*“...no subsequent modification in the lists of participants shall be made by the Contracting Party that would result in its delegation in a way to exceeding the threshold limit on the number of four official delegates as established under paragraph (a) of the Applicant criteria.*”

With respect to the tropical tuna MSE, while understanding the importance placed on this MSE by some delegations, we nevertheless appreciate the adjustments to the budget proposed by the Chair and can agree to this as a way forward for the coming year. We appreciate the progress made to date and look forward to more discussion in 2021, on the MSE itself as well as on the resources to be dedicated to it.