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STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION TO STACFAD – ROUND 3

The European Union thanks the Chair and the Secretariat for the revised documents relating to the Meeting Participation Fund (draft recommendation and draft rules of procedure for the administration of the Meeting Participation Fund). These changes will facilitate the financial management of the MPF, as well as allow the MPF to benefit to the CPCs most in need.

Regarding the budget allowed for the tropical tuna MSE, the European Union notes the proposal from the Chair to fund it in a way that will balance the request from some CPCs to consider it as a priority with the concerns from other CPCs. The European Union supports the views of the Chair that the Commission should review the progress of the work and the feedback from the SCRS on the tropical tunas MSE roadmap at the 2021 Commission meeting and take any further decisions to avoid a disconnect between what the Commission wants and what the SCRS produces.