

15 June 2007

IOTC CIRCULAR / CIRCULAIRE CTOI 14/07

SUBJECT: ACTIONS RELATING TO THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Dear Sir/Madam

In accordance with the decisions of the 11th Session of the Commission please find attached the document transmitted by the Chairperson of IOTC at the time, Mr John Spencer, on your behalf to the FAO.

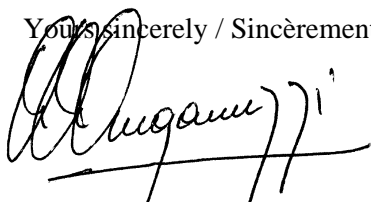
Yours sincerely

SUJET: ACTIONS RELATIVES A LA 11IEME SESSION DE LA COMMISSION

Madame/Monsieur

Conformément à cette décisions de la 11ième Session de la Commission veuillez trouver ci-joint le document transmis par le Président de la CTOI en ce moment, M. John Spencer, à l'OAA au nom de la Commission.

Yours sincerely / Sincèrement



Alejandro Anganuzzi
Executive Secretary / Secrétaire exécutif

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- Letter to the DG, FAO with Statement/ Lettre

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18 May 2007

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Mr Jacques Diouf
Director-General
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Rome

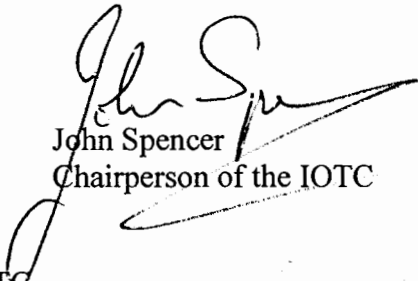
Subject : Statement concerning actions being taken to achieve a more effective and efficient Commission

Dear Sir,

I wish to refer you to the deliberations of the Eleventh Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, held in Grand Baie, Mauritius on 13-18 May 2007. In that regard, I have the honour to inform you of the decision taken by the Members of the Commission to forward the attached Statement.

In conformity with the instructions received from the Members and on their behalf, I would like to request, as Chairperson of the IOTC, that the actions requested in the attached Statement be urgently undertaken in accordance with the wishes of the Members.

Yours sincerely,



John Spencer
Chairperson of the IOTC

Annex : Statement from the Eleventh Session of the IOTC

CC : MM Nomura (ADG), Pulvenis (FIP)

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STATEMENT
CONCERNING ACTIONS BEING TAKEN TO ACHIEVE A MORE EFFECTIVE AND
EFFICIENT COMMISSION

The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)

RECALLING that at the 9th Session of the Commission all Members agreed to convene a special session to explore ways to achieve a more effective and efficient organisation, notably through a change in the relationship between the IOTC and the FAO;

RECALLING FURTHER that at the 3rd Special Session of the Commission the Members present reached consensus on the text of the draft amendments to the Agreement for the establishment of the IOTC to reflect the most appropriate way to achieve a more effective and efficient organisation and proposed to adopt them at the 11th session of the Commission;

NOTING that, on instruction from the Members present at the Special Session and on their behalf, the Chairperson sent a letter dated 22 December 2006 to the Director General of the FAO requesting him to circulate the draft amendments to all Members of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Article XX of the Agreement;

TAKING NOTE that the Director General of FAO did not circulate the draft amendments as requested, and that he, in his letters to the Chairperson dated 5 February 2007 and 9 May 2007, presented his reasons for not circulating the draft amendments to all Members of IOTC and expressed his unreserved commitment to facilitate the process that the Commission has decided to accomplish;

CONFIRMS that the conservation of tuna and tuna-like species in the Indian Ocean necessitates an effective and efficient functioning of the Commission, not excluding a change in the relationship between the IOTC and the FAO;

REITERATING the importance of continued cooperation between the Commission and the FAO in the conservation of tuna and tuna-like species in the Indian Ocean;

STATES that:

1. The FAO Council and the FAO Director General are invited to take immediate action on the draft amendments to the Agreement agreed at the 3rd Special Session to allow the Commission to consider those draft amendments at its 12th Session.
2. The draft amendments will be considered by the Commission at the 12th Session following the circulation of those draft amendments by the Director General of FAO no less than 120 days before the date of that session.
3. The Chairperson is instructed to send copies of this statement to the FAO Director General, the FAO Council and to all Members of the Commission.