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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE IRANIAN FLAGGED FISHING VESSEL *PARSIAN SHILA* FROM THE IOTC IUU VESSELS LIST

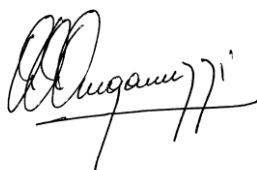
Dear Sir/ Madam,

As you will recall, the Compliance Committee at its Seventh Session recommended that the Iranian flagged fishing vessel *PARSIAN SHILA* is listed on the IOTC IUU Vessels List. The recommendation was endorsed by the Fourteenth Session of the Commission, in Busan, Korea.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has submitted the attached document to the Executive Secretary, whereby it is requesting the removal of the vessel from the list. I would like to invite you to examine this document and notify me of your decision on if the vessel should be deleted from IOTC IUU Vessels List, as requested by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In accordance with paragraph 19 of IOTC Resolution 09/03, your conclusion to either remove the vessel, or keep the vessel, on the IOTC IUU Vessels List should be submitted to the Executive Secretary within 30 days of this notification.

Yours sincerely



Alejandro Anganuzzi
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Document from the Islamic Republic of Iran

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To whom it may concern

Dear Sir or Madam,

Greetings!

Cordially, I would like to inform you that building procedure of "Parsian Shila Vessel" started in Armon Vessel Building in 2005, after coordination with IOTC on Ninth Session. After 4 years, this vessel arrived in Iranian waters on 1/4/2009.

After various experiments in Iranian waters and obtaining required approvals, started its experimental fishing for studies for optimum use of fishing gears and related equipments. Simultaneously, according to a license issued for it, dispatched to Oman Sea and Indian Ocean and at the same time, registering procedure continued in IOTC.

Noting the experimental cruise and lack of some equipment, this vessel went to Port Victoria (7.sep.09). In the port, the vessel was inspected by authorities due to lack of unregistered vessel on IOTC list. Following explanations of vessels owner and my telephone conversation, the problem was solved and it was decided that follow-up for its registration speed up.

This was reflected in documents from IOTC secretariat on 12/09/2009, and we sent registration data of "Parsian Shila" Vessel for IOTC list on 13/09/2009. And on 13/09/2009 with no. 008793 it was registered. Afterwards, during correspondence and multiple meetings with vessel owner, the issue was discussed and nothing important was noticed.

Despite registration of vessel and naturally ending of these issues and problems, after five months, the issue was raised again in 14th Session of IOTC by Secretariat according to Seychelles' report. Unfortunately, due to absence of Iran delegates and without any reply from Iran, it was decided to include the name of "Parsian Shila" in IUU list and it was omitted from IOTC list.

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After being informed of new decisions by Commission, another comprehensive survey on documentation was carried out by Iran Fisheries Organization and presence of Vessel owner, Capitan about Vessel movement path, locations of shooting of net, howling and vessel location during cold store loading. So finally, our conclusion was the same as before that No Illegal act such as entrance in other countries waters has been carried out.

In addition, noting the commitment of Iran to IOTC regulations since inclusion of the vessel's name in IUU List, it has not been allowed to leave the Bandar Abbas Port and is still waiting for the solution of the issue which will put heavy costs on the shoulders of vessel owner and not utilizing this vessel will make indispensable deficits for the owner.

At the end, I would like to make a note that IUU vessels have ambiguity in their background activities and mostly have many illegal activities in their record while this vessel has been registered very quickly in IUU List due to our delay in registration which might put the list under question mark and reduce its importance.

It is requested, with respect to Article 16 of 09/03 Resolution regarding omitting vessels from IUU list during the inter-sessional period to reconsider the issue and show me and Secretariat, your positive stance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance

All the best,
A. Mojahedi
DG of fishing management

