

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

75TH MEETING

CANCUN (MEXICO)
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RESOLUTION C-07-01

RESOLUTION ON SPECIAL VOTING PROCEDURES FOR THE SELECTION OF THE NEXT DIRECTOR OF THE IATTC

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), meeting in Cancun, Mexico, on the occasion of its 75th Meeting:

Maintaining the objective of concluding the process to select the next Director of the Commission by a consensus decision;

Recognizing however that the Commission sees the need for the adoption of special and extraordinary procedures for the selection of the next Director, to be used only for that decision;

Resolves as follows:

1. The voting procedure and debate on consensus will be conducted in a meeting of Heads of Delegation, in coordination with the Secretariat.
2. At the conclusion of the interviews of all five candidates, the Parties shall conduct the first round of decision-making. The Parties may vote by secret ballot for their two preferred candidates. Each ballot must have two different names and Parties may not vote twice for any one candidate in this round. Each vote will count equally as one vote. Any ballot in this round that has more or less than two candidates' name will render the ballot, and the round, invalid and the round will be conducted again, following the same procedure of this paragraph.
3. The two candidates with the highest number of votes shall be announced to the Heads of Delegation as the remaining candidates to be considered. The ballots shall be collected by the Director and one staff member, who will double-count and tabulate the results and present them in a written report to the Chairman. In the event of a tie, another vote will be conducted among the tied candidates.
4. Following the announcement of the results of the voting in paragraph 2 above, the Parties shall conduct a debate to determine if a consensus exists in support of a single candidate. If consensus exists at the end of 1 hour maximum, that will be recorded and announced to the plenary of the Commission.
5. If no consensus exists at the end of 1 hour maximum of debate, the Chairman will convene the final round of voting. The Parties may vote by secret ballot on their respective choice between the two candidates. In the event of a tie, another vote will immediately be conducted.
6. The results of the final round, and any tie-breaking vote if necessary, will be considered the final decision of the Commission and will be announced to the Commission plenary.
7. Any Party may abstain from any of the rounds of voting described in paragraphs 2 and 5 above at any time.
8. This extraordinary procedure is to be used on this occasion and does not set a precedent for the Commission.