RESOLUTION BY ICCAT TO AUTHORIZE A TEMPORARY CATCH LIMIT ADJUSTMENT IN THE BIGEYE TUNA FISHERY

GIVEN that the Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding the Temporary Adjustment of Quotas [01-12] established that any temporary quota adjustment shall be done only under authorization of the Commission;

CONSIDERING that Japan has requested the Commission’s approval for temporary catch limit adjustment;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RESOLVES THAT:

The transfer of bigeye tuna catch limit from Japan to China in the amount of 1250 t, and from Japan to Chinese Taipei in the amount of 1250 t, to be applied during the year 2003, be authorized on the condition that any underage of China or Chinese Taipei in 2003 shall not be carried over.