

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

92ND MEETING

**Mexico City, Mexico
24-28 July 2017**

RESOLUTION C-17-05

**CREATION OF AN *AD HOC* WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE
LEGAL AND OPERATIVE COHERENCE OF IATTC
RESOLUTIONS**

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), gathered in Mexico City, Mexico, on the occasion of its 92nd meeting:

Aware of its responsibility regarding ensuring the conservation and sustainable long-term use of species covered by the Convention, in accordance with the relevant rules of international law, integrated and materialized by the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission ;

Recognising that the Commission's resolutions must be complied with effectively and efficiently by the Members, which depends fundamentally on ensuring that their structure and content is coherent with the legal framework and the technical and operative needs at which they are directed;

Taking into account that the performance review carried out by the Moss Adams Group in the year 2016 recognised the important work of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of Measures Adopted by the Commission (Review Committee), however to date there has not been a comprehensive study of the Resolutions in force focused on their legal and operative integration and coherence and adaptation to the regulatory framework and scientific and compliance objectives of the IATTC; and

Recognising the importance of developing efforts that facilitate compliance with resolutions and provide advice on strategies for ensuring the permanent legal and operative coherence of resolutions that are adopted;

Agrees:

1. To create the *Ad Hoc* Virtual Working Group for reviewing the legal and operative coherence of IATTC resolutions in force.
2. The Working Group described in the first paragraph shall have the following functions:
 - a. In consultation and coordination with the Secretariat, it will evaluate the current content of all the Resolutions in force in the Commission;
 - b. It will analyse the conceptual coherence utilised in the language of the resolutions, as well as their structural and operative coherence, to determine whether recommending a clarifying amendment or reform is necessary in any or several resolutions to ensure coherence. To that end the Secretariat shall prepare by 15 March 2018 for consideration by the Working Group in its discussions a report on the coherence of the Resolutions in force;
 - c. It will analyse the recommendations issued by the Review Committee and the observations that the Members or the Secretariat may issue regarding the need or opportunities for improvement or clarification of the Resolutions and shall propose the way of effectively implementing those recommendations and observations;
 - d. It will issue a final report to the Commission with recommendations for consideration at the ordinary annual Meeting in the year 2019.
3. Members shall designate their representative(s) to the Working Group, endeavouring that representatives will participate in the group with technical and specialised ability or experience suitable to the Group's objective. The Working Group's discussion shall be conducted virtually.

4. The Working Group shall be chaired by the person that the Commission decides.
5. The Chair of the Working Group, with the support of the Secretariat and considering the contributions that the Members may make, shall establish the format, frequency and content of the virtual meetings that the execution of its functions demand, which shall be conducted in the intersessional periods during 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.
6. The Commission shall review, at its meeting of the year 2019, the necessity or otherwise of extending and/or broadening the mandate of this Group.