

**RESOLUTION BY ICCAT  
CONCERNING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ICCAT  
BY CONTRACTING PARTIES**

*RECALLING* that according to Article X.2 of the ICCAT Convention, each Contracting Party is required to contribute annually to the budget of the Commission;

*RECOGNIZING* that the Protocol of Amendment to the Convention adopted in Madrid in 1992 has not been ratified by two thirds of the Contracting Parties required for the Protocol to come into force;

*EXPRESSING* grave concern that the financial status of the Commission is of constant concern given that some Contracting Parties do not contribute to the Commission's annual budget and are several years in arrears;

*AND NOTING* that Article X.8 of the ICCAT Convention permits the Commission to suspend the voting rights of any Contracting Party when that Contracting Party's arrears in payment equal or exceed an amount equal to contributions for the two preceding years;

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

1. The Commission hereby expresses its grave concerns that the contributions of some Contracting Parties are in arrears and requests the Chairman of the Commission to write the relevant Contracting Parties drawing this concern to their attention.
2. Contracting Parties who have not yet ratified or accepted the Madrid Protocol should redouble their efforts to do so.
3. Considerations pursuant to Article X.8 of the Convention should be added to the Agenda of the 2002 Commission meeting.