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**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT CONCERNING THE
TRADE SANCTION AGAINST ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

RECALLING the 1998 Resolution Concerning the Unreported And Unregulated Catches of Tuna by Large-Scale Longline Vessels in the Convention Area;

ALSO RECALLING the 2001 Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Importation of Bigeye Tuna and Bigeye Tuna Products from St. Vincent and the Grenadines (hereinafter referred to as the Recommendation);

RECOGNIZING the continuing progress that the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has made in implementing measures to achieve full compliance with ICCAT measures, including developing and implementing monitoring, control, and surveillance methods to its fleet;

CONCERNED nonetheless that additional steps still remain to be taken for St. Vincent and the Grenadines to address fully the concerns in the Resolution and Recommendation noted above;

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

1. Paragraph 2 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Importation of Bigeye Tuna and Bigeye Tuna Products From St. Vincent and the Grenadines* be amended to read:

"The suspension of the import prohibitions imposed under the Recommendation above shall take effect on January 1, 2004, unless the Commission decides, on the basis of documentary evidence, at its 2003 meeting that St. Vincent and the Grenadines has not completed necessary actions to bring its fishing practices for Atlantic bigeye tuna into conformity with ICCAT conservation and management measures."

2. Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities shall assist St. Vincent and the Grenadines with its efforts to ensure that the owners and operators of its large-scale fishing vessels have no history of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities, or the previous owners and operators have no legal, beneficial or financial interest in, or control over its large-scale fishing vessels.