RESOLUTION BY ICCAT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE ICCAT RECORD OF VESSELS

RECOGNIZING that the Commission adopted at its 2002 meeting the Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Establishment of an ICCAT Record of Vessels Over 24 meters Authorized to Operate in the Convention Area [02-22];

BEING CONCERNED that there remains a hundred large-scale tuna longline vessels (LSTLVs) that are believed to continue illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the Convention Area and other areas.

FURTHER RECOGNIZING a need to take measures to prevent those IUU fishing vessels from being entered in the ICCAT Record before the said Recommendation is entered into force;

REAFFIRMING Contracting Parties’ and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties’, Entities or Fishing Entities’ right to determine which fishing vessels over 24 m will be included on their list of vessels, including new vessels or ones to replace old vessels.

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

1. With respect to the LSTLVs, the Executive Secretary should:

- Compare the list which was submitted to him by August 31, 2002 in accordance with paragraph 1 of the 2000 Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Registration and Exchange of Information of Fishing Vessels Fishing for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the Convention Area [00-17] (hereinafter referred to as the List) and the initial ICCAT Record to be established by the Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Establishment of an ICCAT Record of Vessels Over 24 Meters Authorized to Operate in the Convention Area adopted at the 2002 Commission meeting,

- Identify the LSTLVs newly appeared on the initial ICCAT Record (both net increase from the List and replacements of those previously on the List), and

- Present the result to the 2003 Commission meeting.

2. The Compliance Committee and Permanent Working Group (PWG) should scrutinize the information in paragraph 1 above to examine possible involvement of the remaining IUU LSTLVs on the ICCAT Record.