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**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE  
OF THE PERMANENT WORKING GROUP FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF  
ICCAT STATISTICS AND CONSERVATION MEASURES (PWG)**

*CONSIDERING* the need to update the terms of reference for PWG:

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE  
CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS RECOMMENDS THAT:

The 1992 *Resolution by ICCAT to Establish a Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures and the Terms of Reference of the Working Group* [92-2] be amended as follows:

1. To obtain, compile and review all available information on the fishing activities of non-Contracting Parties, for species under the purview of ICCAT, including details on the type, flag and name of vessels and reported or estimated catches by species and area;
2. To obtain, compile and review all available information on landings and transshipments of species under the purview of ICCAT caught by non-Contracting Parties, including details on the name and flag of the vessels, the quantities landed and transshipped, and the countries' landing ports through which the product was shipped;
3. To obtain, compile and review all available trade data regarding species under the purview of ICCAT and other related information to be obtained from trade statistics of the Contracting Parties and from implementation of the ICCAT Statistical Document Programs;
4. To consider the effectiveness and practical aspects of the implementation of the ICCAT Statistical Document Programs;
5. To review and make recommendations for improvement of ICCAT statistics regarding catches of species under the purview of ICCAT in light of trade data and related information mentioned in point 3 above;
6. To develop recommendations to control the transfer at sea of species under the purview of ICCAT between vessels from different countries;
7. To consider and outline measures to prevent the re-flagging of vessels of Contracting Parties for the purpose of avoiding fisheries management measures established by the Commission; and
8. To recommend measures to the Commission based upon the findings of the Working Group's activities. Parties will ensure that these measures conform to their trade obligations.