

– RESOLUTION –
**REGARDING THE AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE WITH
INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES
BY FISHING VESSELS ON THE HIGH SEAS**

Resolution adopted by the Commission at its Ninth Special Meeting (Madrid, November-December, 1994). Report for Biennial Period, 1994-95, Part I. Officially transmitted to the Contracting Parties: January 23, 1995.

RECOGNIZING that all States have a right to fish on the high seas, subject to the rules of international law as embodied in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;

RECOGNIZING that States should conduct responsible fisheries, as recognized in international fora, and evidenced by the recommendation of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to create a Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing;

OBSERVING that among the objectives of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna is the effective conservation and rational management of tunas and tuna-like species in the Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas;

CONSIDERING that the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations approved, at its 27th Session, held in November 1993, and opened for acceptance the Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas;

CONSIDERING that this Agreement forms an integral part of the International Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing mentioned in the Cancun Declaration of May 1992;

BEARING IN MIND that the ICCAT Resolution in Support of the Elaboration of an International Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing, adopted in November 1993, encourages the acceptance of this "Agreement" as soon as possible by all ICCAT Contracting Parties;

CONSIDERING that this Agreement requires each Contracting Party to maintain a register of high seas fishing vessels entitled to fly its flag;

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

That ICCAT Contracting Parties should take the necessary measures as soon as possible to maintain a register of all high seas fishing vessels of more than 24 meters in length, authorized to fly their flag in the Convention Area of the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. Contracting Parties should provide ICCAT with the names of vessels entered on this register and annually of any changes thereto.

Once the length of vessels to which the FAO Agreement is applicable in the Mediterranean is established, relevant Contracting Parties should include such information in their registers.

ICCAT shall encourage non-Contracting Parties to provide the same information as requested above.