

-- RESOLUTION--  
TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA

*Resolution adopted by the Commission at its 11<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting (Santiago de Compostela, Spain-November, 1998). Report for Biennial Period, 1998-99, Part I. Officially transmitted to the Contracting Parties: December 22, 1998.*

*CONSIDERING* the need to strengthen ICCAT as a regional fisheries management body;

*TAKING* into account the applicable rules of International Law and the principles of the relevant international agreements and instruments referring to conservation and management measures;

*RECALLING* the responsibilities of ICCAT in relation to the implementation of the provisions of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing and other relevant international instruments;

*REAFFIRMING* the commitment of the Parties to give full implementation to the current regulatory measures;

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

- 1 To establish an open-ended Working Group on Allocation Criteria, whose Terms of Reference shall be:
    - a To analyze and consider recommending criteria for quota allocation, including allocation matters affecting current Contracting Parties, new Contracting Parties and non-contracting parties, entities or fishing entities, to be adopted by ICCAT; and
    - b To analyze and consider other relevant matters related to this objective.
  
  - 2 In carrying out its assignment, the Working Group shall:
    - c Report its progress on paragraphs 1(a) and 1(b) above to the Secretariat of ICCAT in a defined time frame;
    - d Be assisted by the ICCAT Secretariat;
    - e Make every effort to hold at least one meeting before the next regular meeting of the Commission.
- And
- 3 To invite observers at ICCAT meetings, FAO, and other regional fisheries organizations to participate in the meetings of the Working Group.