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Subject: LDAC Recommendation on terms of reference (ToR) for the creation of an IOTC¹ Working Group on Socio-economic and Labour aspects of fisheries

Your Ref.: R-01-18/WG1-4

Dear Mr. López,

Thank you very much for your recommendation on the Terms of Reference (ToR) related to the creation of an IOTC Working Group on socio-economic and labour aspects of fisheries, that we examined thoroughly.

The discussion on the creation of such a WG was based on a proposal tabled by Seychelles² in 2017 and was postponed during the last IOTC meeting. Instead, it was agreed to implement a scoping study identifying what types of social and economic data are most relevant to CPCs³ and IOTC, and how these data can be obtained. The upcoming IOTC annual meeting, following another proposal submitted by Seychelles⁴, will discuss the ToR for the scoping study.

We take note of the principles and criteria proposed in your recommendation for the creation of such a WG. We consider that some of them, in particular those on the information to be collected, could be applied *mutatis mutandis* to the scoping study. In this regard, we will duly consider them when determining the EU position at the upcoming annual meeting.

¹ Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

² IOTC-2017-S21-PropG

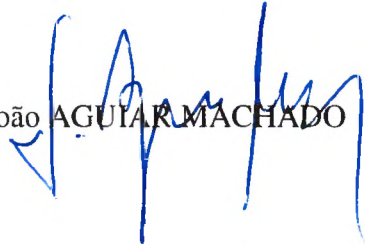
³ Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties

⁴ IOTC-2018-S22-PropH

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I thank you for your constructive input and look forward to our continued cooperation. Should you have any question on this reply, I invite you to take contact with Ms Pascale Colson, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu; +32 2 29 56273).

Yours sincerely,


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