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Introduction

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on Finance and Administration which met during the Third Regular Session of the Commission, 11-15 December 2006 at Apia, Samoa advised the Commission that:

“Following the January 2007 Kobe meeting of RFMOs CCMs provide comments on the draft strategic plan included in document WCPFC3-2006/23 to the Executive Director by the end of April 2007, and following receipt of comments CCMs be invited to nominate expert assistance, at no cost to the Commission, to further develop a strategic plan for the Commission and a business plan for the Secretariat so that a revised set of plans can be brought to WCPFC4. The working group noted that in formulating revised draft plans there is a need to clearly distinguish between the business plan for the Secretariat and a strategic plan for the Commission as well as the need to have quantifiable and relatively simple performance measurement indicators as well as deadlines or milestones incorporated into the objectives”.

2. Subsequently, in plenary, WCPFC3 noted:

“While it did not have an opportunity to consider it in detail, the Commission noted the Chair’s Draft Programme of Work/Conservation Measures and Strategies (WCPFC3-2006/IP09) as a reference for future discussion regarding a strategy for prioritizing the work of the Commission for the period 2007–2011 (Attachment R). A medium to long-term strategic plan for the progressive development and implementation of the Commission’s work required further elaboration with input from the Commission’s three subsidiary bodies. The Secretariat was tasked with progressing this during 2007 together with the further development of a business plan to guide the role of Secretariat. [paragraph 182, WCPFC3 Summary Report].

3. In response to the above direction, which was followed up in Circular 2007/03 distributed on 14th February 2007, the Secretariat received comments from Japan and the FFA secretariat. A revised draft Strategic Plan, prepared by the Secretariat in collaboration with some CCMs, was presented to the First Session of the Finance and Administration (FAC1) during WCPFC4 (WCPFC4-2007-14). The paper appended the comments received from FFA and Japan.

4. FAC1 advised WCPFC4 that it had considered a draft Strategic Plan. It recommended that the draft be refined over the next 12 months by an inter-sessional working group initiated by New Zealand. It was proposed that the working group meet opportunistically and communicate electronically during that period (para. 7, Summary Report, First Session of the Finance and Administration Committee).

5. New Zealand has advised that it was not possible to progress the work required to develop a revised Draft Strategic Plan as envisaged during 2008 due to other demands.

Recommendation

6. The FAC is invited to:
- a. defer consideration of the Strategic Plan to a future session; or
 - b. propose a process which will result in a revised draft being available to WCPFC6 for consideration in December 2009.