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**INFORMING THE COMMISSION OF THE MEASURE THAT THE PHILIPPINES
WILL IMPLEMENT IN THE HIGH SEAS ADJACENT TO THE EEZ EAST OF THE
PHILIPPINES**

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SUBJECT : **Informing the Commission of the Measure that the Philippines will implement in the High Seas adjacent to the EEZ East of the Philippines**

Dear Madam Chairperson,

Recalling delegation paper WCPFC4-2007/DP22, the Philippines informing the Commission of the operations of purse seiners and ringnetters in high seas adjacent to the EEZ east of the Philippines, locally referred to as the Mati-matihan. This traditional fishing ground for Filipino fishers, was taken into consideration when the Philippines submitted its purse seine EEZ effort limit of 42,000 fishing days in WCPFC16 in 2019.

Recalling also that during the finalization of WCPFC CMM 2021-01, Philippines was advised to recalibrate the 42,000 days, identifying the specific limits for EEZ and adjacent high seas, and notify the Commission by 31 December 2022. Upon consultation with concerned stakeholders, the Philippines is allocating 5,640 fishing days for Mati-matihan, out of the 42,000 fishing days that was previously submitted.

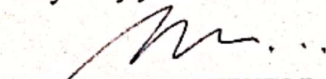
Whereas, the 42,000 fishing days comprising the number for EEZ and the number of adjacent high seas are undergoing a process of deliberation of a national regulation through a Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) and expected to be implemented before the end of 2022.

Whereas, for consistency, uniformity of implementation and enhanced monitoring of compliance, the Philippine government, decided to adopt a rule similar to the Attachment 2 of CMM 2021-01.

The Philippine delegation undertakes to provide the Commission with the copy of the said guidelines once the same becomes available.

For the Commission's information and appropriate action.

Very truly yours,


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