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Indonesia has been and fully supportive of the fisheries conservation and management measures adopted by Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs), including WCPFC. Accordingly, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia has been and will be making every effort in line with these conservation and management measures. On top of this, the recent decision by the Government of Indonesia to adjust the fuel price has decreased the Indonesia's fishing capacity, as fuel is at present accounted for 60 to 70 % of total fishing cost, a substantial increase from only 40% before the fuel price adjustment.

Against this background, the Government of Indonesia is delighted to give its full support to further conservation and management measures to be adopted by WCPFC. However, taking into account the future development of fisheries, the Government of Indonesia is of the view that the allocation arrangement for the longline bigeye tuna catches adopted by the Commission in 2005 (CMM 2005-01), should not set a precedent nor should the average longline bigeye tuna catch by Indonesia of 2001-2004 be used as the only reference in the discussions on the CMM for longline bigeye tuna catches for the years of 2009 and 2010.

While bearing in mind that the 2005-01 was adopted by the Commission in 2005, the Government of Indonesia is convinced that it is only natural that it must adapt to any development and new dynamism in Indonesia. In this light, the Government of Indonesia sincerely hopes that the Commission keeps an open mind and should not close the door for every option in the future discussions of conservation and management measures, as the ultimate purpose of these measures is the welfare of the people.