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Mr President

I wish to thank WCPFC, to allow me, once more, to take part in its 4th annual meeting in Guam. It is also an opportunity for me to thank the authorities of Guam, for their warm hospitality and all the honorable delegates.

I hope that at the image of this hospitality, I will leave Guam with positive results, in only these two points could be considered and accepted:

1. WCPFC to remove senegalese' vessels from the wcpfc iuu list.
2. WCPFC will accept Senegal as a cooperating party.

Senegal requires the diligence of WCPFC members, to examine positively its request.

This year is my second participation in the work of the Commission and my country intends to place distinguished part for the sustainable management of fisheries resources. For this reason, Senegal, is member of most international organization like ICCAT - IOTC. Senegal is signatory to all international convention in this case and at the level of regional cooperation, Senegal has a modern administration able to conduct challenge for sustainable fishing.

Significant steps have also been taken by Senegal, including the decree regulating shark fisheries, and the revision of the Code of Fisheries laws whose objective, among others, is to take into account in the legal environment of Senegal measures in the framework of fishing organizations.

After the meeting of the Commission in Apia, in December 2006, the Executive Director of the wcpfc sent to Senegal a letter in which he stating that our request to become a cooperating party, was not accepted and asked us to withdraw our vessels out the area of wcpfc. Senegal had agreed to that measure and withdraw his vessels on march and august 2007, respectively. Unfortunately, wcpfc, against all odds, put Senegalese vessels in iuu list which Senegal had contested. There were many letters changed with the Executive Director.

By analyzing the report from the French Polynesia, on which WCPFC decided to include Senegalese in iuu vessel, we can note that:

- no reprehensible act has been noted
- All declarations statistics had communicated
- All of our vessels have monitoring system of control VMS CAISSE BLEUE.
- When one of the vessels was inspected by French polynesie's authorities, CMM for sud west sword fish was not yet adopted as this only took place in the wcpfc 2006, annual meeting. And so, it can not be applicable to this vessel.

Mr President, the decision to enter ships Senegalese in the list iuu the wcpfc is a very serious problem in my country. I guess in some minds, there is doubt to our capacity, but the reality is quite different. Every ship in Senegal is registered and there are no complacency and fraud.

Now efforts doing by Senegal and others efforts in perspective must be supported to get operational actions aimed for establishment of a monitoring system for tuna.

The wcpfc should continue to be a normative framework of for the basic needs of the sustainable exploitation resources and Senegal hopes that at the end of this meeting, will be accepted in wcpfc as a cooperating member while wishing to become a contracting party in a very short time.