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The Secretariat has received a letter from Panama dated 6 December 2006 regarding Cooperating Non-Member status of the Commission (Attachment A). An informal translation of this letter by the Secretariat is appended at Attachment B.

**República de Panamá
Panamá, R. de P.**

Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores
Despacho del Ministerio
D. M. No. DGOC1/DG/3276/06

6 de diciembre de 2006

Señor Director Ejecutivo:

Tengo el agrado de dirigirme a usted con relacion a la Resolución 2004-02 relitivas a las Medidas para la Conservacion y Gestion de Pesquerias, emitida por la Comisión de Pesca del Pacifico Occidental y Central (Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission WCPFC), sobre la participación como Miembros Cooperantes no Contratantes.

Nuestro país, siendo el registro ablerto más grande y antiguo del mundo, mantiene dentro de su flota una cantidad significativa de naves de pesca y naves de apoyo a las actividades de pesca (cargueros refrigerados, barcos fabricas, de abastecimiento, entro otros) que realizan sus actividades de pesca en las agues del Océano Pacifico, la cual entran dentro de la supervision de la Comisión de pesca del Pacifico Occidental y Central (WCPFC).

Con el fin de permitir a nuestras naves participar en igualdad de oportunidades de las actividades pesqueras en el Océano Pacifico y a su vez apoyar la gestion que adelanta nuestro Gobierno, en defense del medio ambiente marino, solicito a la Comision considerer la inclusion de la República de Panamá en calidad de Parte Cooperante No Contratante de la Comisión de Pesca del Pacifico Occidental y Central.

En cumplimiento a la Resolucion 2004-01 sobre los registros y autorización para la pesca en las áreas del Convenio, la Autoridad Maritima de Panamá ha presentado a la Comisión el listado de las naves de carga de nuestro registro que pescan en el área.

A la espera de una acogida favorable a la presente comunicación, me es grato epresar al señor Director Ejecutivo las seguridades de mi alta y distinguida consideración.

RICARDO J. DURAN J.
Ministro Encargado de Relaciones Exteriores

Al Honorable Señor
ANDREW WRIGHT
Director Ejecutivo
Comisión de Pesca del Pacifico Occidental y Central
Kolonia, Pohnpei State
Federated States of Micronesia

**Republic of Panama
Panama, R. of P.**

Ministry of External Relations
Office of the Ministry
D. M. No. DGOC1/DG/3276/06

6 December 2006

Mr. Executive Director:

I have the pleasure to contact you in relation to Resolution 2004-02 relative to the Measures for the Conservation and Management of Fisheries, released by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), on the participation of Cooperating Non-Members.

Our country, having one of the largest and oldest vessel registries in the world, maintains within its fleet a significant number of fishing vessels and vessels that support fishing activities (refrigerated carriers, supply vessels and others) that conduct their fishing activities in areas of the Pacific Ocean, that include areas within the supervision of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC).

With the purpose of allowing our ships to participate with equal opportunity in the fishing activities in the Pacific Ocean and also to support the management promoted by our Government in defence of the marine environment, I ask the Commission to consider the inclusion of the Republic of Panama as a Cooperating Non-Member of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.

In fulfillment of Resolution 2004-01 on the Record of Fishing Vessels and Authorization to Fish in the Convention Area, the naval administration of Panama has presented to the Commission the list of cargo vessels of our registry that operate in the Convention Area.

In expectation of a favourable response to this letter, I am pleased to present to the Executive Director the assurances of my highest consideration.

RICARDO J. DURAN Jr.
Minister for External Relations

To the Honourable
Mr ANDREW WRIGHT
Executive Director
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
Kolonia
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[Informal translation by the Secretariat]