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Labour Standards IWG: Scheduled Session to Review Revised Draft CMM

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your patience regarding the rescheduled virtual labour standards IWG session.

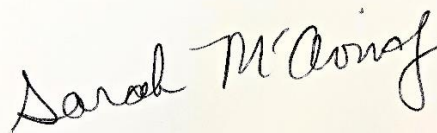
Given the start date of WCPFC Scientific Committee we would like to reschedule our session for 7 September, 2023 to ensure we are able to progress this work ahead of the Technical and Compliance Committee.

The 7 September session will be focused on working through the text of the revised CMM and we look forward to engaging with members on this. It is clear that the area of application remains a critical issue with differing views and this will be an important area of discussion during our virtual session in July.

As we noted to the IWG in our last communication, it is clear that CCMs are at different stages of addressing labour standards on fishing vessels at national level and this must be taken into account. To address this issue we have drafted the effective date of the CMM as January 2025 to allow time for implementation. At a high level, we have drafted the CMM to address minimum standards and the most egregious issues, two issues which we consider have the greatest agreement. This clearly highlights the need for further work to address additional labour issues such as serious illness and injury, which we consider very important and will likely need to be addressed through future work.

As a reminder, all of the working group papers and links to meeting papers can be found on the WCPFC website at [Intersessional work on improving labour standards for crew on fishing vessels \(2021-2022\) | WCPFC](#) .

Kind regards,



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