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## APPLICATIONS FOR OBSERVER STATUS

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Note by the Secretariat (Add.1)

1. On 4 November 2004, Mr Rob Kramer, President of the International Game Fish Association, wrote to the Interim Secretariat of the Preparatory Conference formally requesting observer status for the IGFA at the inaugural session of the Commission. The text of the letter is set out Annex III. The letter was circulated to all participants in the Preparatory Conference through the electronic mailing list on 19 November 2004.

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Annex III

**LETTER DATED 4 NOVEMBER 2004 FROM MR. ROB KRAMER, PRESIDENT,  
INTERNATIONAL GAME FISH ASSOCIATION**

Michael W. Lodge  
Head of Interim Secretariat  
Preparatory Conference for the Western and  
Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

Dear Mr. Lodge:

The International Game Fish Association was founded in 1939 and represents recreational anglers in 123 countries world wide. We have a great interest in the management of fisheries as it not only affects our members, but also the economies of many areas or states who enjoy the benefits from recreational fishing and international tourism.

Our organization wishes to join the WCPFC as an official observer. I understand that under the convention document, articles 21 and 22, that this would be possible. Your confirmation that this is correct and advice on what you would require from IGFA would be greatly appreciated. It is our wish that this could be completed in time for the formation meeting of the Commission planned for early December of this year.

We realise that commercial fisheries are very important, but we feel that when the WCPFC is making decisions for managing pelagic fisheries in international waters, our input and resources would be of great value to the new Commission and important to the overall picture.

I look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Rob Kramer  
President  
International Game Fish Association.