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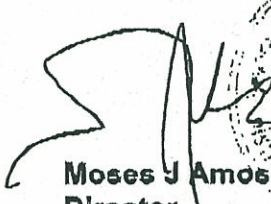
Dear Sir,

Vanuatu's membership to the Northern Committee and Mr. Emele's participation on the Northern Committee Meeting in Tokyo, Japan.

This is to formally request that the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu's proposal to become a member of the Northern Committee be considered by the Second Regular Session of the Northern Committee Meeting. The Government of Vanuatu is an active member of the WCPFC, therefore any deferral of a decision for Vanuatu to become a member of the Northern Committee would be seen as a contradiction of the UNCLOS and the spirit of cooperation between fishing nations to effectively manage and conserve highly migratory fish stocks in the Northern Region.

I would like to advise that Mr. Emele's participation in the Northern Committee is on behalf of the Government of Vanuatu. Mr. Emele is an authorized Government Agent mandated under the Vanuatu Fisheries Act No.55 of 2005 to represent the interests of the Vanuatu Government in such meetings.

Yours faithfully,


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REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
WCPFC NORTHERN COMMITTEE
Second Regular Session, 11-13 September 2006
Tokyo Japan

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Masanori Miyahara
Chairman
Northern Committee
WCPFC Secretariat

Dear Chairman Miyahara

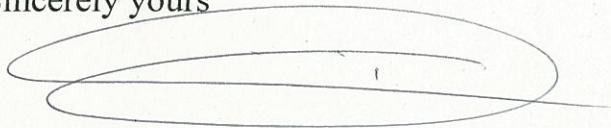
Subject: Letter of Clarification

The decision of the Vanuatu Government to appoint me as an Official Government Agent under the Vanuatu Fisheries Act No 55 of 2005 to represent its views in this meeting is a sovereign decision and one, which should have never been questioned by this meeting.

I am again putting forward the Government of Vanuatu's request to become a full member of the Northern Committee for reconsideration by the Second Regular Session of this Northern Committee Meeting.

Vanuatu's request is consistent with the obligation stipulated under UNCLOS and the WCPFC Convention.

Sincerely yours



Christophe Emelee
Vanuatu Government Agent
International Fisheries

Mr Andrew Wright, Executive Director of WCPFC