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DRAFT TCC RECOMMENDATIONS

TCC21 recommend:

1. **Case Notification for Re-flagged Vessels**. WCPFC22 endorse the development of a CCFS re-flagging notification function that enables the "original" flag CCM to notify and provide case access to the "new" flag CCM; the "original" flag CCM shall retain responsibility to investigate and prosecute infringements conducted within its jurisdiction. *[In the alternative: WCPFC22 task the Secretariat with conducting a feasibility study of the resources necessary to implement technical improvements to the CCFS, including for the development of a CCFS re-flagging notification function that enables the "original" flag CCM to notify and provide case access to the "new" flag CCM.]*

2. **Automated Investigation Timelines**. WCPFC22 endorse implementation of automated CCFS prompts and reminders to track the two-month Article 25(2) milestone (e.g., by including a "countdown" clock as a notation within the infringement status box; by sending an automated email reminder when the deadline is 7-days away). *[In the alternative: WCPFC22 task the Secretariat with conducting a feasibility study of the resources necessary to implement technical improvements to the CCFS, including for creating a CCFS feature to implement automated CCFS prompts and reminders to track the two-month Article 25(2) milestone.]*

3. **Enhanced "Infringement *Statuses***. WCPFC22 endorse the revision of existing CCFS "Infringement Statuses" to include "Under Secretariat Review" and to sub-categorize "NEW CASE" and "Investigation IN PROGRESS" statuses by case-initiation method.

4. **Improved Messaging Tool Identifiers**. WCPFC22 agree that each narrative CCFS "Response" entry be appended with a secure and short identifier code linked to the contributing CCM user, with codes managed by the Secretariat and known only to the Secretariat and the contributing CCM's flag, to balance transparency and privacy.

5. **Identify Multiple Initiating CCMs**. WCPFC22 endorse creation of a CCFS function allowing identification of and case access for up to two Initiating CCMs who have collected direct evidence of the alleged infringement(s), based on a joint, written confirmation to the Secretariat by each proposed Initiating CCM. *[In the alternative: WCPFC22 task the Secretariat with conducting a feasibility analysis for technical improvements to the CCFS, including for the creation of a CCFS function allowing identification of and case access for up to two Initiating CCMs who have collected direct evidence of the alleged infringement(s)*].

6. **Clarify Pre-CCFS Process Flow for Observer Reports**. WCPFC22 encourage the Secretariat and SPC-OFP to document and publish the existing criteria, mapping, and quality-control checks, if any, that are currently applied to observer-sourced allegations of infringements prior to the creation of a new case in the CCFS.

7. **Add Provision of Full Observer Case Packages to the Process Flow**. WCPFC22 agree that provision of complete observer case packages by the CCM initiating a case arising under Article 25(2) that arises out of that Initiating CCM's observer-sourced data, with sensitive information redacted as necessary, be incorporated as a standard Observer Provider-to-CCFS case flow step.

8. **Automatic Observer Case Package Provision**. WCPFC22 endorse automatic provision of complete observer case packages including all materials supportive of an alleged infringement (with sensitive information redacted, as needed) by the usual Article 25(2) case initiation process and task the Secretariat with conducting a feasibility study of the resources required to create an “ROP Portal” similar to the “HSBI Portal” that recently launched.