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MEXICO - STATEMENT

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During the 5th Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, here in Busan, Mexico requested to be accepted as a Cooperating Non Member, CNM, of this organization.

In addition to having previously presented the information required, Mexico would like to share with the Members of the Commission the following information, and assumes the following commitments if accepted as a CNM in 2009:

1. Mexico's record both domestically and internationally of fisheries management and conservation is highly satisfactory, and well documented.
2. Mexico is willing and able to ensure full compliance by all its vessels with the conservation and management measures of the WCPFC and has an excellent record of compliance with international conservation measures. Strong compliance is made possible by, among other things, strict domestic legislation, detailed catch documentation schemes, 100% observer coverage and VMS for all large purse seine vessels.
3. Mexico is prepared to submit all data required by the Commission in a timely manner, and is prepared to participate fully, as required, in the Commission's VMS Program.
4. Mexico will abide by the applicable requirements pertaining to the observer programs of the WCPFC.
5. Mexico commits that not more than six purse seine vessels shall fish in the WCPFC area only in the EEZ's of the WCPFC members in

accordance with appropriate bilateral agreements and pursuant to the VDS scheme. In accordance with CMM 2006 01, Mexico does not have any record of fishing days in the high seas.

6. During any closures that may be established by the IATTC that pertain to Mexican purse seine vessels, Mexico shall ensure that there is no transfer of effort from IATTC into the WCPFC area.
7. Consistent with the above, and with all relevant rights and duties under international law, Mexico commits to abide by all of the conservation and management measures adopted by the WCPFC.
8. Mexico commits to cooperating fully with the members of the WCPFC in the conservation and management of northern bluefin tuna.
9. Mexico stands ready to cooperate fully with the members of the Commission, particularly with the Small Island Developing States.

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