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ECUADOR - STATEMENT REGARDING CNM APPLICATION

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As supplementary information to our application for Cooperating Non Member (CNM) status submitted on June 25th, 2008, in order to clarify our compromises we hereby declare that, in case of being accepted as CNM:

1. We commit that the level of fishing effort in high seas areas will be limited to 13 purse seine vessels, including 7 vessels currently licensed in Kiribati.
2. We commit to provide all catch information in WCPO area, in high seas and EEZ's.
3. We commit to have at all times on board Ecuador flagged vessels Observers during all trips in the WCPO high seas and EEZ's.
4. We also commit to fully cooperate with WCPFC's VMS system and all other obligations that arise from Conservation and Management Measures adopted or to be adopted by WCPFC.

Busan, December 10th, 2008