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Introduction

1. The Third Regular Session of the Commission (WCPFC3) endorsed a recommendation by the Second Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC2) that Part 2 of the Annual Report, covering the previous calendar year be submitted to the WCPFC Secretariat by 31 July each year. The Fifth Regular Session of the Commission (WCPFC5) adopted enhanced guidelines for Part 2 submissions contained in Appendix B of WCPFC5-2008/IP07 and agreed that CCMs should use these guidelines for all future submissions of Part 2 reports.

2. Twenty-four Commission Members, a fishing entity, five Cooperating Non-Members and one Participating Territory (CCMs) were required to submit to the Commission by 31 July 2009 their respective Part 2 Reports on Management and Compliance, for the period 1 January-31 December 2008. At the time of preparation of this paper the Secretariat has received 23 Part 2 Reports which are available to TCC5.

3. Since Part 2 Reports are regarded as confidential, the Secretariat has posted them in a secure "CCM Section" on the WCPFC website. TCC5 may wish to consider the information contained in this paper under TCC5 Agenda Item 2.10 (a)(i).

Formats used in the preparation of Part 2 Reports

4. Of the 23 Part 2 Reports received by the Secretariat, 14 used the agreed template presented in Appendix B of WCPFC5-2008/IP07.

Discussion

5. Judging from the untimely submission of many of the Part 2 Reports the reporting obligations associated with complying with the Convention's principles and implementing the Commission's decisions are continuing to present significant challenges for many CCMs, and that some CCMs are continuing to experience difficulties complying with the current requirements.

Advice and Recommendations

6. TCC5 is invited to consider advice and recommendations to the Commission in relation to the current situation in respect of the submission by CCMs of their respective Annual Report Part 2 to the Commission.