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Mr Chairman, I have a comment to make on the summary of compliance with CMMs related to the purse seine fishery, particularly the tables on pages 14 to 17 of working paper 31.

It is a fact that CMM 2005-01 and CMM 2006-01 were replaced by the adoption of CMM 2008-01 at WCPFC5 in Busan.

We note that that working paper 31 relates to activities of CCMs with conservation and management measures during 2008 and prior years. Furthermore, we note that during 2008, CMM 2005-01 and 2006-01 were the applicable measures in force. As such 2005-01 and 2006-01 are the appropriate conservation and management measures that CCMs compliance in 2008, should be measured.

However, the text in working paper 31 which refers to applicable limits to the purse seine fishery, particularly paragraph 14, refers incorrectly to Attachment 2 providing an indication of whether CMM 2008-01 is I quote "achieving its objectives". In fact, the first three tables of Attachment 2 of working paper 31, which refer to the years up to 2008, can only indicate whether CCMs were in compliance with the requirements of 2005-01 and 2006-01 during the period 2006 – 2008. Therefore paragraph 14 isn't quite correct because CMM 2008-01 did not apply in 2008: CMM 2008-01 only came into force in February 2009. We would ask that the Secretariat take note of this point on paragraph 14.