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Introduction

1. The Second meeting the five tuna regional fisheries management organisations (ICCAT, IATTC, IOTC, CCSBT and WCPFC) was convened by the European Community (EC) at San Sebastian, Spain, 28 June to 3 July 2009. Ernesto Penas Lado (EC) was elected as the Chairperson.
2. The meeting commenced with a review of progress towards addressing the fourteen action items titled the Course of Action and associated programme of work adopted at the first meeting held at Kobe, Japan in January 2007. The review was facilitated by Masanori Miyahara (Japan). Subsequently, Glenn Hurry (Australia) facilitated a discussion on capacity-related issues in global tuna fisheries.
3. The Chairperson then facilitated a process to produce a second Course of Actions and a programme of work which includes the convening of four workshops by September 2010. The draft Report of the San Sebastian meeting and the terms of reference for the four workshops are appended at Attachment A.
4. The Commission's attention is drawn to the:
 - a. Revised Course of Actions (Appendix 1 of Attachment A);
 - b. Immediate Action items including;
 - i. An international Workshop on RFMO management of tuna fisheries. This exercise should include all fishing gear. This process is time limited and is to be developed through an international Workshop in 2010 and completed prior to Kobe 3 in 2011 [Kobe 1 Items 2, 3 and 13]. The Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) offered to host this Workshop.
 - ii. An international Workshop on improvement and harmonization and compatibility of monitoring, control and surveillance measures, including monitoring catches from catching vessels to markets. Japan offered to support this Workshop in 2010 [Kobe 1 points 5 and 8].
 - iii. An international Workshop on tuna RFMO management issues relating to by-catch. Call on RFMOs to avoid duplication of work on this issue (in 2010). The United States offered to provide support for this Workshop. The Workshop is planned for 2010 [Kobe 1 items 10, 11, and

- 14].
- iv. A meeting of experts to share best practices on the provision of scientific advice. EC offered to host this meeting. The Workshop is planned for 2010 [Kobe 1 points 4 and 14]. Associated with this was a proposal for a Strategy Matrix that is designed to harmonize the reporting of basic information relating to targets specified by a tuna RFMO for each fishery it manages and the presentation of model outputs that are adopted to achieve a management target with a certain probability within a specified timeframe (Attachment 1 of Appendix 1).

Advice and recommendations

5. The Commission is invited to:
 - a. note the outcomes of the San Sebastian meeting;
 - b. provide additional information in relation to the workshops and meetings proposed for 2010; and
 - c. advise on a strategy for WCPFC engagement in the Courses of Action, items for Immediate Action and International Workshops.