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CANADA – DRAFT PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR THE REVIEW AND REPORTING OF COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

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THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION (WCPFC) ADOPTS THAT:

- 1. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) may submit reports on non-compliance with WCPFC conservation and management measures to the Secretariat at least 120 days before the TCC's annual meeting for circulation to the CCMs.
- 2. The Executive Director shall transmit this information to the CCMs involved in any reports of non-compliance at least 90 days before the TCC's annual meeting. Written responses from CCMs mentioned are encouraged.
- 3. In accordance with Articles 23 and 24, CCMs shall, consistent with domestic laws, provide the Executive Director with a report on the progress or the results of any investigation taken in relation to the allegations of non-compliance and any actions taken to address allegations of non-compliance at least 60 days before the TCC's annual meeting. If such investigation is ongoing, CCMs shall advise the Executive Director of the expected length of the investigation and provide periodic updates in their progress until completed.
- 4. The Executive Director shall circulate to all CCMs, at least 30 days in advance of the TCC's annual meeting, a summary report of information received, including responses by CCMs, which shall be considered by the TCC as appropriate in a responsible, open, transparent and non-discriminatory manner.
- 5. NGOs submitting reports may request to present such reports to the TCC. In adopting the Agenda for the TCC's annual meeting CCMs shall determine if NGO presentations can be accommodated