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**FFA MEMBER SUGGESTIONS FOR REPORTING AGAINST ARTICLE 30 AND
RESOLUTION 2008-01**

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Dear Ambassador Nandan,

I write in my capacity as Chair of the Forum Fisheries Committee on behalf of the 17 members of the Forum Fisheries Agency.

First, FFA members would like to express our thanks to you for proposing the earlier placement of the Special Requirements agenda item, to give this important topic greater prominence at this years Commission meeting. FFA members see this proposal as complementary step in the ongoing commitment by the Commission to recognising the special requirements of Small Island Developing States and Territories, including through article 30 of the Convention.

As you will recall, FFA members undertook at TCC6 to make some suggestions for reporting by CCMs against Article 30 and Resolution 2008-01, to ensure the usefulness of this agenda. In considering this matter further, FFA members consider that there are three areas that broadly capture the intent of Article 30 and Resolution 2008-01:

- Increased commercialisation of our tuna fisheries and related industries, as is recognised in Resolution 2008-01, in particular the reduction and restructure of fleets to accommodate aspirations of SIDS and Territories to develop their own fisheries, cooperate in investments in fishing vessels and other fishing related activities and facilities in SIDS and Territories;
- Enhancing the capacity for conservation and management of fisheries by SIDS, through funds such as the Special Requirements Fund, bilateral assistance to SIDS and other forms of assistance funded through regional organisations including FFA and SPC, which is obliged under WCPF Convention Article 30, particularly subparagraphs 2, 3 and 4; and
- Broader consideration of the importance of rights-based management as a means to address the interests of developing coastal States, in the way that was supported by Kobe Workshop on RFMO Management and Bellagio outcomes.

We look forward to constructive discussions at WCPFC7 in Honolulu.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair
Forum Fisheries Committee