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**Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China**

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Ambassador Satya N. Nandan  
Chairman  
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing this to express China's position in relation to the WCPFC high seas boarding and inspection procedures (hereinafter "the Procedures") as applicable between a Contracting Party and a Fishing Entity under the Commission's Conservation and Management Measure 2006-08.

China recalls that paragraph 6 of the Procedures provides that "[u]nless otherwise decided by the Commission, these procedures shall also apply in their entirety as between a Contracting Party and a Fishing Entity, subject to a notification to that effect to the Commission from the Contracting Party concerned."


China noted that a Contracting Party stated in its notification to the Commission that "absent a notification by a Contracting Party of its intent to apply the Procedures on a reciprocal basis as between the Contracting Party and a Fishing Entity, the Procedures are not in effect as between the Contracting Party and the Fishing Entity". (emphasis added)

China also noted that a Fishing Entity echoed the above-mentioned viewpoint. In its response to some Contracting Parties' notifications under paragraph 6 of the Procedures, the Fishing Entity emphasized that in the absence of a notification by a Contracting Party of its intent to apply the Procedures in its entirety as between that Contracting Party and a Fishing Entity on a reciprocal basis, the procedures are not in effect as between the Contracting Party and the Fishing Entity.

China wishes to point out that nothing in the Procedures provides that the high seas boarding and inspection activities between a Contracting Party and a Fishing Entity are conducted on a reciprocal basis. China does not accept the viewpoint of the Contracting Party and the Fishing Entity in this regard.

China hopes that all relevant parties shall faithfully conduct high seas boarding and inspection in accordance with the Procedures. I also request that a copy of this letter be circulated to all Contracting Parties, Fishing Entities and Cooperating Non-members.

Sincerely yours,

  
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to the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of WCPFC

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