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**US PROPOSAL FOR APPLICATION OF THE COMMISSION VMS TO NATIONAL WATERS
OF CCMS**

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US Proposal for Application of the Commission VMS to national waters of CCMs:

In order to ensure a transparent process in accordance with Article 24(8) of the WCPF Convention and Paragraph 6(c) of CMM 2007-02 we recommend that the following decisions be adopted at this meeting:

1. The Commission approved the application of the Commission VMS, pursuant to Article 24(8) of the WCPF Convention and Paragraph 6(c) of CMM 2007-02, to the national waters of all Commission Members that request such application.
2. A Commission Member's decision to exercise the option to apply the Commission VMS to its waters will not affect, impair or invalidate its participation in any other future or existing national or regional VMS program. Nothing in this decision in any way affects, impairs or invalidates the operation of VMS programs within the waters under national jurisdiction, which, as stated in the SSPs, shall be the exclusive responsibility of the coastal State.
3. The Secretariat will provide notification to all CCMs when any Commission Member exercises the option to apply the Commission VMS to its national waters. The Secretariat will maintain an updated list of all CCMs that have access to Commission VMS data in their waters on the secure area of the WCPFC website.
4. The Secretariat will develop a template agreement, for Commission review and approval, which will be used for all Commission Members exercising this option. The template agreement will address details regarding the application of the Commission VMS to the individual Commission Member's waters, including any costs that may be associated.