

The Delegation of Chinese Taipei
to the Seventh Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific
Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)

December 8, 2010

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

Dear Ambassador Nandan,

Regarding the letter of December 6, 2010 sent to Your Excellency by the Mainland Chinese delegation and circulated to all participants in the Commission meeting, I would like to make the following statement:

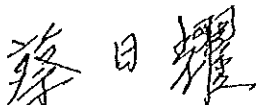
The WCPFC High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures (hereinafter CMM 2006-08) were adopted in accordance with Article 26 of the WCPFC Convention. These procedures set out the WCPFC's "boarding and inspection scheme" and are supposed to "effectively discharge the obligations of the members of the Commission under the Agreement and this Convention to ensure compliance with the conservation and management measures established by the Commission." These provisions, as contained in CMM 2006-08, have been very successful in avoiding sensitive political issues.

According to paragraph 6 of CMM 2006-08, a Contracting Party of the WCPFC can decide whether or not to apply these procedures "in their entirety" with respect to a Fishing Entity. Thus far, six Contracting Parties have taken this approach, which ensures full compliance with the conservation and management measures established by the Commission.

We would like to echo Your Excellency's opening remarks and urge all members of the WCPFC to look forward to the improved conservation and more sustainable use of highly migratory fish stocks in the WCPFC Convention area, and to concentrating on the concrete results and effectiveness of the Commission's conservation and management measures.

I hereby also request that the WCPFC Secretariat circulate this letter to all members of the Commission, as well as Cooperation Non-members.

Sincerely yours,



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