


MINISTERE DE LA PECHE ET DE
L'ECONOMIE MARITIME

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Le Ministre

**DECLARATION OF SENEGAL FOR THE REQUEST FOR CNM STATUS
RENEWAL
FOR COOPERATING NON MEMBER TO THE WCPFC
11th Regular Session of the Commission, 1 Dec 2014 to 5 Dec 2014, Apia (Samoa)**

Thank you Mr. The President,

First, Senegal would like to thank the Authorities of SAMOA for hosting this present session of the WCPFC.

This opportunity is also seized to express all the gratitude of Senegal to the Commission for the invitation to take part in this important meeting.

Besides, Senegal thanks all the Honourable Delegates whose engagement for the sustainability of marine resources exploitation is undisputed.

Allow me to bring to your attention that Senegal will not be able to attend the current meeting of WCPFC held in Apia (Samoa) to present its request for status renewal. This absence is due to administrative difficulties, related to visa procedures.

For this purpose, Senegal presents its deep regrets to the President and to all the Commission. However, it is important to note that Senegal continues to have a real interest in the WCPFC. Only one Senegalese longline vessel was authorized to fish in the convention zone until April 2014. Internal arrangements did not permit us to conduct fishing activities in the recent years. The faced difficulties are overcome now and Senegal wishes to resume its fishing activities in the WCPFC convention zone. We are fully committed to contribute, as it is done in other RFMOs where we participate, to best management and the conservation of tuna and alike species.

For the needs of Senegal CNM status renewal, the Minister in charge for Fisheries has sent to the WCPFC, on July 22nd, 2014, a set of documents comprising a request for CNM status renewal.

Consistently to our engagement to comply with the resolutions and recommendations within the framework of WCPFC Convention, Senegal reiterates its thanks to the Commission and ask you to accept its request and renew the CNM Status of Senegal for 2015.

Thank you Mr. The President

To the chair of WCPFC

Pour la Mission de la Pêche
et de l'Economie Maritime
Le Secrétaire Général

