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**PROPOSAL FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE FOR BIGEYE, YELLOWFIN AND
SKIPJACK TUNA IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN**

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Proposal from the European Union

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Conservation and Management Measure 2016-01

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC):

IN ACCORDANCE with the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean;

NOTING that the Scientific Committee has determined in 2014 that the bigeye stock is overfished and subject to overfishing, and that reductions in fishing mortality are required in order to rebuild its biomass above the LRP;

ADOPTS the following measure in accordance with Article 10 of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (Convention):

1. Footnote 5 of Paragraph 18 of CMM 2016-01 is replaced by the following text":

"The high seas FAD closure in paragraph 18 does not apply in 2017 to a CCM that has achieved a verifiable reduction in bigeye catches by its purse seine vessels to 55% from current levels (2010-2012), to be reviewed on the basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee. The measures that the Philippines will take are in Attachment C. **A CCM that has qualified for the above mentioned exemption shall maintain a verifiable reduction in bigeye catches by its purse seine vessels to 55% from the reference levels (2010-2012) also in the course of 2017.**"