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**PROPOSAL FOR CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE FOR CHARTER
NOTIFICATION SCHEME**

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SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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**Proposal by the United States of America
to the
Sixteenth Regular Session of the
Commission for the Conservation and Management of
Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean**

Explanatory note:

The current WCPFC Charter Notification Scheme, CMM 2016-05, will expire on 31 December 2019 unless renewed by the Commission. In recent years, both the Scientific Committee (SC15 Summary Report, para. 71) and the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC Workplan 2019-2021) have identified potential issues with the management of chartered vessels under the current CMM. To allow time to identify and fully consider these issues, the United States proposes that the Commission roll the current measure over for a period of two years. During such time, the Commission and its subsidiary bodies should fully consider outstanding issues with the measure and explore potential improvements.

Proposal:

WCPFC16 agrees to extend the Charter Notification Scheme (CMM 2016-05) for two years. During that time, the Scientific Committee, the Technical and Compliance Committee, and the Commission will continue to consider whether improvements should be made to the charter notification requirements and/or the treatment of chartered vessels under the Commission's conservation and management measures more generally. WCPFC16 agrees to revise paragraph 8 of CMM 2016-05 so that it reads as follows:

8. This Measure shall expire on 28 February 2022 unless renewed by the Commission.