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Dear fellow members and participants,

I hope that all of you and your family stay well. I would like to announce that NC16 will be held on October 8, 2020 as an electronic meeting. Please refer to the meeting notice distributed by the Secretariat for registration and procedures. The meeting will start at 7:00 am Japanese Standard Time (JST) and continue for three hours. The draft agenda is attached for your review. Please note that the agenda is shortened to cover only the items requiring decisions this year, since the COVID pandemic prevents us from having a full fledged meeting as discussed in the head delegations meeting of the Commission in July.

On the proposed agenda item 1.4 Report from ISC and SC, I would like you to know:

- We will concentrate our efforts on Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF) and Northern Pacific albacore (NPA) only. No new assessment was made on swordfish this year.
- On both PBF and NPA, ISC's pre-recorded presentations on its new stock assessment results will be up on the WCPFC website soon. Please learn from those presentations beforehand. Questions are welcome to be sent in advance to the "NC16 Online Discussion Forum" the Secretariat will establish shortly. ISC representatives will provide answers during the session.
- We are supposed to finish discussions on PBFT during the NC/IATTC joint working group (JWG) meeting to be held on October 6 and 7. The outcomes of the JWG meeting will be reported in this agenda item as well as in the following agenda item 2.1 PBF CMM.
- Any proposal is invited for its submission by September 15.

Please send me any question or comment you may have.

Sincerely,



Masa Miyahara  
NC Chair