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Application for Co-operating Non Member status within the WCPFC

Dear Dr. Ndaw:

It is with pleasure that I can again inform you that the Commission has agreed to Senegal's application for renewal of Cooperating Non-Member status with the WCPFC for 2013, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

The WCPFC granted CNM status to all non members under the following terms:

1. In accordance with the WCPF Convention and its conservation and management measures and resolutions, the following limits apply to the participatory rights of Cooperating Non-Members (CNMs) for fisheries in the high seas within the WCPFC Convention Area.

General rules applying to all CNMs

2. In addition, unless otherwise specified below, CNMs may fish in waters under their national jurisdiction or other CCM's national jurisdiction, in accordance with appropriate bilateral arrangements. Such CNMs shall ensure vessels flying their flags comply with all provisions of the WCPF Convention and the WCPFC conservation and management measures. In addition, CNM vessels will be placed on the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels (WCPFC RFV). CCMs shall ensure that CNM fishing activities that are conducted in waters under their national jurisdiction in accordance with bilateral arrangements are consistent with all relevant conservation and management measures and provisions of the WCPF Convention. Renewal of CNM status by the Commission will be conditional on full compliance with the national laws and regulations of any licensing CCM, all conservation and management measures and provisions of the WCPF Convention. CCMs shall identify any violations by vessels flagged to a CNM and report on any investigations of such violations to the TCC.

3. The CNMs identified below provide assurances that they will comply with all requests from Commission Members for information and documentation to investigate cases of possible illegal fishing.

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4. With respect to the Compliance Monitoring Scheme, the Commission will consider how the Compliance Monitoring Reports of CNMs relate to the consideration of granting CNM status or determining participatory rights during the process of developing responses to non-compliance.

5. The Commission advised CNMs to ensure that they meet the deadline for submission of applications for CNM status and meet all the obligations contained in CMM 2009-11. The Commission noted that failure to meet the above requirements could prejudice the future granting or renewal of CNM status.

Limits applicable to individual CNM participatory rights

Senegal

6. WCPFC9 approved the application for renewal of CNM status by Senegal with the following participatory rights:

The participatory rights of Senegal for fishing in the WCPO are limited to one unique longline vessel (the Robaliera). This vessel may only target swordfish and may only catch 154 t of swordfish (as determined in accordance with CMM2009-03).

I bring your attention to the Conservation and Management Measure 2009-11 paragraphs 2 and 12 for your reference, with a special emphasis on the commitment for acceptance of high seas boarding and a financial commitment. Further, as you may be aware, the Commission agreed that the financial commitment expected from all CNMs is 50% of the contribution that a CNM would have to make if it was a member. In the case of Senegal, this would be 50% of US\$27,073, or US\$13,537.

In addition WCPFC9 noted the following in relation to Senegal.

38 Senegal's application was not reviewed by TCC8 due to late submission on 26 October 2012. A review by the Secretariat noted that two criteria for CNM applicants were not met by Senegal, and that 2011 AR Parts 1 and 2 have not yet been received. Senegal's assessed financial contribution to the WCPFC for 2012 (\$11,568) has not yet been received.

The contribution should be forwarded to the Commission account whose details follow:

Account name	: WCPF Commission General Fund Account
Account number	#209-262429
Bank details	: Bank of Guam
Branch	: Kolonia, Pohnpei Federated States of Micronesia
ABA	: 1214-05115

If you have any further queries on this process, please feel free to contact us. I take this opportunity to remind all CNMs that in accordance with CMM 2009/11 CNMs must reapply annually for CNM status and in their application should address all criteria in paragraph 2 of 2009/11. The 2014 applications should be submitted before July the 22nd 2013 (60 days before TCC9).

Sincerely,



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