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**INDONESIA STATEMENT  
AT THE 12<sup>TH</sup> IOTC COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
BUSAN, 20-22 APRIL 2015**

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Thank you Chair for this floor

Very good morning every one  
Distinguish Delegates, and  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Since this is the first time for Indonesia to take a floor, firstly, let me extend my gratitude to Korea Government for hosting this Compliance Committee Meeting in this beautiful city. We really enjoy to stay in this developed city at least for the next 2 weeks.

Secondly, we also would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation to IOTC Compliance Unit and Secretariat for their best effort to support CPCs to increase its compliant level.

In relation to that, let me convey Indonesia concerns in relation to compliance issue which we consider important for CPCs to take into account. Those concerns are related to the followings:

1. Transshipment in-port and Landing of catch in the overseas port of the flag state

We have been advised by the Secretariat on last 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and informing us that there were five (5) Indonesian flagged vessels who have landed their catch in Phuket in 2013 and request clarification from Indonesia. In following-up the request, we have made an investigation to our fishing permit data-base and we find-out the fact that, those five (5) vessels do not include in the database. We therefore may conclude that those five (5) vessels are not Indonesian flagged vessels.

In addition to that, we also have been advised by the Secretariat on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and providing us the list of Indonesian flagged vessels who have carried out transshipment in the overseas port of Indonesia (transshipment in-port) during 2014. We are in the process to carry-out an investigation on this issue and we have ordered the vessels owner to provide us a comprehensive written clarification that has to be submitted by 30 April 2015. We do recognize that those vessels presumed to have carried out a violation of our national law and we need to understand the reason they did it. As an investigation is being undertaken, we therefore could not provide a clarification of the issue at this meeting.

In relation to those two (2) issues, we are looking forward to strengthening a cooperation among CPCs for the sake of effective combatting IUU Fishing and related activities. *For instance*, we need to communicate to the flag state prior to provide a port service to the vessels who are intending to land and/or to transship its catch in our port. We believe that we could do it under the IOTC Resolution 10/11 regarding Port State Measure. This approach may also be applied when there is a vessel request of flag changing.

At this important occasion, we also wish to inform all delegates, that currently, Indonesia is focusing its effort to combat IUU Fishing and related activities. Moratorium, as a national policy has been adopted in this regards. Under this moratorium, (i) there is no new fishing permits to be issued and (ii) there is no renewal of expired fishing permits to be approved, particularly for those vessels greater than 100 GT and constructed outside of Indonesia. This moratorium was come into enforced from Dec 2014 up to April 30, 2015 and it has been extended up to October 31, 2015.

During the moratorium period (Dec 2014-March 2015), we have conducted a review regarding the compliant of all Indonesian flagged vessels particularly those constructed overseas. From 1. 132 vessels have been reviewed (all gear type), there are 887 vessels have been disqualified by our government, and currently most of those vessels may not be in Indonesia port. Indonesia government is intending to cooperate with Interpol to find out all of those vessels.

For this reason, once again, we do request CPCs cooperation in this issue, for the sake of effectively combating IUU Fishing and related activity, particularly in the IOTC area of competence.

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## 2. Regional Observer Program

We have registered on Feb 17, 2015, at least two (2) wooden carrier vessels authorized to receive transshipment at-sea such as Mutiara 36 (189 GT) and Mutiara 39 (197 GT). These two (2) wooden carrier vessel will receive transshipment at-sea from Indonesian fishing vessels (less than 200 GT) and to be landed in Indonesia port (Bali). Those carrier vessels and fishing vessels are managed and belong to the same registered Indonesia company (same owner) namely PT. INTIMAS SURYA. To fulfill the requirement as stipulated in IOTC Resolution 14/06, we have submitted a request to deploy an observer on-board. Under this request, the company and contractor have contacted each-other. But finally, the contractor decided not to be able to deploy an observer on-board as requested, because the vessel owner cannot present P/I insurance. However, the vessel owner informed us that they were trying to get P/I insurance but unfortunately, there is no insurance company both in Indonesia as well as overseas, can accept a wooden vessel to be insured or in other word, those wooden vessels are not eligible vessels to be insured. Since those two (2) wooden carrier vessels have complied with the national requirement (eligible vessels) as fish carrier vessels, we do request advice from this meeting to settle this issue by considering the action has been taken by Indonesia to combat IUU Fishing and related activity. Finally, we are seeking a possibility to get an approval from this meeting to deploy an observer on board from Indonesia national observer program. We do committed to fulfill all reporting requirement as stipulated in the IOTC Resolution 14/06 and we welcome for any clarification in this regards.

Thank you very much and looking forward to see the inclusion of this statement in the 12<sup>th</sup> IOTC – CC Report.