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## APPLICATION FOR COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS SOUTH AFRICA

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To the Executive Secretariat and Member Parties of IOTC

**Re: Application for renewal of Cooperating Non-contracting Party status**

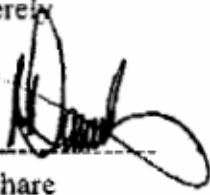
The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Branch: Marine and Coastal Management in South Africa would like to apply for renewal of Cooperating Non-contracting Party status. However, Mr Alejandro Anganuzzi has indicated in our telephone conversation on (28/04/06) that the deadline for submissions was on the 21 February 2006. The Department would like to extend an apology for the delay in our submission, as Mr Andre Share, the Chief Director: Resource Management (Marine) has been out of the office for the past few months due to his serious illness.

South Africa has an existing recreational and commercial rod and reel tuna fisheries, and a developing tuna longline fishery in the Indian Ocean. Since 2003 South Africa status at IOTC has been annually approved as a Cooperating Non-contracting Party with the intentions of becoming a Member Party in the near future. As South Africa will not apply for Member party status this year it is hereby requested that South Africa's status as Cooperating Non-contracting Party be renewed.

In support of this application: 1) South Africa has ratified the 1995 UN Fish Stocks Agreement; 2) South Africa has provided annual fishery statistics to IOTC since the inception of the tuna longline fishery; 3) South Africa has already implemented ICCAT management and control measures, which are similar to IOTC, including measures to eliminate IUU fishing, mandatory VMS, onboard scientific observer coverage, port inspection, size limits and a daily logbook system, and; 4) South Africa is engaged in large pelagic research in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Hence, South Africa is committed to conservation, research, development and resource management in the southwest Indian Ocean and will observe IOTC management and control measures.

Hoping this application is favourably considered by all Member Parties.

Yours Sincerely



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