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Mr. Glenn Hurry  
Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Hurry:

With reference to the e-mail of 26 November 2008, in which it attached a letter dated 25 November 2008 from Hon. M.C. Mitchell, Secretary of Cook Islands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration to you, in your position as Chairman of the WCPFC, informing, among other things, that Cook Islands notified the Commission that, pursuant to paragraph 6 of CMM 2006-08, Cook Islands shall apply the WCPFC High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures in their entirety as between the Cook Islands and Chinese Taipei.

In reply, I have the honor to state the following:

1. In accordance with the WCPFC High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures as well as the said correspondence, from Cook Islands dated 25 November 2008, the WCPFC Boarding and Inspection Procedures have applied in their entirety as between Cook Islands and Chinese Taipei.

2. Also in response to the letter of 21 November 2008 from Mr. Ian K Bertram, Secretary of Cook Islands Ministry of Marine Resources, the following are details of point of contact from Chinese Taipei:

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3. Likewise, my Government has provided details of our inspection vessels, together with crews and qualified inspectors on board, for inclusion on the WCPFC High Seas Boarding and Inspection Register and is ready from now on to exercise boarding and inspection on the high seas vis-à-vis Cook Islands.

Sincerely,

James Sha
Director-General

Cc: Hon. M.C. Mitchell, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Cook Islands.