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Dear Riley

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Further to our DP4 on “4 FFA views on addressing climate change in the WCPFC context”, FFA members at their meeting today decided to prepare a draft Resolution that might begin to give effect to tackling the concerns raised in DP4.

The draft Resolution on Climate Change is attached, and we request that this be posted to the WCPFC webpage under a label such as “DP04 Attachment: Draft Resolution Text”, or whatever you feel is appropriate. We would explain this attachment during our presentation during Agenda Item 4 (new proposals).

FFA members look forward to working with our fellow WCPFC members to respond proactively to the threat to all of us posed by climate change.

Yours sincerely

Eugene Pangelinan,
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PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Resolution 2019-XX

The Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean,

RECOGNISING international initiatives to address the impacts of climate change including through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement;

NOTING the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which remains the authoritative scientific body on climate change and is regarded as providing governments the best available science on climate change;

MINDFUL of the work of the Science Provider to the Commission in assessing the impacts of climate change on target stocks and non-target species, and species belonging to the same ecosystem or dependent or associated with the target stocks in the Convention Area;

ACKNOWLEDGING the reaffirmation of Pacific Islands Forum Leaders at their meeting in August 2019 that climate change is the single greatest threat to the livelihoods, security and wellbeing of the peoples of the Pacific and their commitment to progress the implementation of the Paris Agreement;

FURTHER NOTING the *Kainaki II Declaration for Urgent Climate Change Action Now* made by Pacific Islands Forum Leaders in August 2019 identifying specific actions;

DESIRING to declare its commitment to address the impacts of climate change on target stocks, non-target species, and species belonging to the same ecosystem or dependent or associated with the target stocks in the Convention Area;

Resolves in accordance with the Convention to:

1. Fully recognise the impacts of climate change in particular on the fisheries, food security and livelihoods of Small Islands Developing States and Territories.
2. Take into account in its deliberations, including in the development of conservation and management measures, the impacts of climate change on target stocks, non-target species, and species belonging to the same ecosystem or dependent or associated with the target stocks.
3. Estimate the carbon footprint of fishing and related activities in the Convention Area for fish stocks managed by the Commission and develop appropriate measures to reduce such footprint.
4. Develop options such as carbon offsets to decrease the collective carbon footprint of CCMs and the WCPFC Secretariat associated with meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.

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