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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (Track Changes Included)

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**SUBMITTED BY
FFA MEMBER CCMs**

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 Scientific Services~~ 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~~ NOTING that Pacific Islands Forum Leaders reaffirmed 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~~ NOTING the importance of addressing the potential impacts of climate change and other environmental degradation 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~~ Consider the potential impacts of climate change ~~in particular on the fisheries on highly migratory fish stocks in the Convention Area; and any related impacts on the food security and livelihoods of CCMs, including in particular~~ Small Islands Developing States and Participating Territories.
2. Support further development of the science of quantifying the impacts of scientific information science on the relationship between climate change and target stocks, non-target species, and species belonging to the same ecosystem or dependent or associated with the target stocks, and as well as interrelationships with other factors that affect these stocks and species, and estimates of the associated quantifying its uncertainties.
- ~~2.3.~~ Take into account in its deliberations, including in the development of conservation and management measures, scientific information available from the Scientific Committee on the potential 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.

~~3.4. Estimate the carbon footprint~~~~Improve awareness of~~ ~~Consider~~ ~~Consider the potential climate change impacts~~ of fishing and related activities in the Convention Area ~~and possible ways to mitigate these~~ for fish stocks managed by the Commission and develop appropriate measures to reduce such footprint.

5. ~~Consider options to reduce the environmental impacts of the Commission related to headquarters operation and meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.~~ ~~Develop options such as carbon offsets to decrease the collective carbon footprint of CCMs and~~ ~~Consider options to r~~ the WCPFC Secretariat ~~meetings~~ associated with meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.