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**TOKELAU ADVICE RELEVANT TO CMM 2012-01 PARAGRAPH 14**

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**WCPFC10-2013-DP 28**  
**20 November 2013**

On 20<sup>th</sup> November, the WCPFC Secretariat received advice from Tokelau confirming the continued application of their advice on EEZ limits which was provided to TCC7 (Attachment H to the TCC7 summary report) and reiterated at WCPFC8. Tokelau confirmed that they will advise the Commission if and when this advice changes, and their expectation that the previous advice should be taken as their report under CMM 2012-01 paragraph 14.

For information the TCC7 advice is attached.

**TOKELAU STATEMENT TO WCPFC-TCC7  
7th Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee  
28 September – 4 October 2011  
Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia  
Conservation and Management of Fisheries in Tokelau EEZ**

As a small island, developing territory that is overwhelmingly dependent on fisheries for our food security, nutritional health, and revenue generation, Tokelau is committed to ensuring the conservation and sustainable use of the fisheries in which it has a real interest. In partnership with New Zealand, Tokelau intends to put in place an effective management regime for our EEZ fisheries.

In adopting management measures for our EEZ, Tokelau is aware of our obligations under the WCPFC to ensure long-term conservation and sustainable use of tuna fisheries, and to work collaboratively with other parties to the Convention.

Specifically we recognise the objective of CMM 2008-01 to protect and restore bigeye and yellowfin tuna stocks through the implementation of compatible measures for the high seas and EEZs Tokelau also recognise the need to work constructively with other members to establish a new CMM 2011-01 to cover bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack tuna stocks.

Tokelau is also keenly aware of the need to manage the emerging pressures on the resources of our EEZ. Fishing pressure in our waters is increasing due to overcapacity of the fishing fleet and as a consequence of effort being displaced from Convention areas with limits to areas without limits. Tokelau supports the establishment of catch and effort limits and effective EEZ management by Members—in particular the Parties to the Naru Agreement (PNA)—and notes the need for corresponding measures to be taken in our EEZ.

Tokelau has decided to impose a catch limit of 30,000 tonnes or an effort limit of 1000 vessel days on the purse seine fishery in our EEZ. This limit will begin to be implemented as of 1 January 2012.

Placing catch limits on the purse seine fisheries is the first step for Tokelau to establish an effective and responsible management regime for our EEZ. Over the next 12 months we will do further work on appropriate limits for other fisheries in our EEZ—in particular longline fisheries that target southern albacore, bigeye, and yellowfin—and advise the Commission of our intended management measures.