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CNM small working Group

TCC12 provides the following decisions and recommendations to WCPFC13:

- a. TCC12 has reviewed the following CNM applications and is forwarding them to WCPFC13 for consideration: Ecuador, El Salvador, Liberia, Mexico, Panama, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- b. TCC12 again thanks the Secretariat for the development of the CNM application template which assisted the process greatly and thanks CNM applicants for using the template in submitting their applications
- c. TCC12 notes with appreciation the attendance and participation of Ecuador, El Salvador, Liberia, and Vietnam at this year's meeting and encourages other CNM applicants to attend TCC meetings in the future.
- d. TCC12 notes the CNM working group process occurred in parallel with the compliance monitoring scheme process and **recommends** that following TCC12, in consultation with SPC, the Secretariat write a particularised letter to CNMs outlining any identified deficiencies in data provision and request that CNM applicants provide any information outlined in these letters, and as requested during the CMS process, 30 days in advance of WCPFC13 and that these letters, and any responses be assessed by WCPFC13.
- e. TCC12 **recommends** that WCPFC13 take into consideration the Compliance Status of all CNM applicants in making its decision on the CNM applications and participatory rights.
- f. TCC12 notes that all CNM applicants other than Mexico and Vietnam made a financial contribution and notes Vietnam's statement that payment was made over the course of TCC12.
- g. TCC12 **recommends** that Mexico consider the prospect of a voluntary payment in advance of WCPFC13
- h. TCC12 notes that during the SWG three CNM applicants (Ecuador, El Salvador and Vietnam) have reiterated interest in becoming full Commission members and that WCPFC13 consider whether to invite them to become members. El Salvador has made its request in a formal letter to the WCPFC Secretariat.
- i. TCC12 **recommends** that the template for CNM applications be amended to include a field to indicate whether the CNM wishes to become a full Commission member
- j. TCC12 notes the following gaps or issues in the applications for individual applicants and encourages applicants to rectify them if possible by WCPFC13:
 - Ecuador - TCC12 notes that Ecuador provided its Annual Report Part 1 during TCC12 and that Annual Reports form a fundamental part of the Commission process. TCC12 recognised the domestic circumstances in Ecuador which contributed to this late provision. TCC12 encouraged Ecuador to provide its Annual Report Part 1 on time in the future.
 - Liberia - TCC12 notes that Liberia did not provide its Annual Report Part 1 and that Annual Reports form a fundamental part of the Commission process. TCC12 **recommends** that Liberia provide its Annual Report Part 1 a minimum of 30 days in advance of WCPFC13. TCC12 notes that Liberia's application was submitted late.
 - Mexico – TCC12 notes that it is not clear whether Mexico has provided a commitment to make a financial contribution. TCC12 further notes that Mexico

has not made an explicit commitment to accept High Seas Boardings and Inspections and that Mexico considers this requirement as not applicable.

- Panama – TCC12 notes that Panama did not provide its Annual Report Part 1 and that Annual Reports form a fundamental part of the Commission process. TCC12 **recommends** that Panama provide its Annual Report Part 1 a minimum of 30 days in advance of WCPFC13.
- Thailand - Thailand has indicated that it has not provided full historical data on fisheries activities in the Convention area pursuant to CMM 2009-11 (2)(d). Applicants for CNM status are required to include in their requests full data on its historical fisheries in the Convention Area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, name of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas, pursuant to CMM 2009-11(2)(d). TCC12 **recommends** that Thailand provide this information a minimum of 30 days in advance of WCPFC13
- Vietnam – TCC12 noted that Vietnam’s financial contribution had not yet been received during TCC12 but that Vietnam made a statement that payment was pending.