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El Salvador, May 16, 2017

Mr. Feleti P Teo OBE
Executive Director
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
PO Box 2356
Kolonia, Pohnpei 96941
Federated States of Micronesia

Dear Mr. Teo OBE:

The Republic of El Salvador through the General Director of the Center for Fisheries and Aquaculture Development (CENDEPESCA), a branch office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, as the national entity in charge of fisheries and aquaculture would like to express its interest for renewing the status of *Cooperating Non Member* for the year 2018.

As in previous years, my country is committed to comply with the WCPF Convention and Conservation and Management Measures that the Commission approves in order to keep fisheries stocks healthy for present and future generations. By saying this and complying with paragraph 2 of CMM 2009-11 requirements, we communicate the following statements:

- a. Reason for seeking CNM renewal: Tuna fishery brings socio economic development to our developing economy by creating job opportunities, good for exporting and food security.
- b. We have shown the Commission our commitment to comply and cooperate for complying with CMM adopted, and ensure that our flagged fishing vessels as well as nationals comply with the provisions of the Convention.
- c. We accept that our flagged fishing vessels be boarded under the high seas boarding inspections in accordance with the Commission's procedures.
- d. By presenting the Part 1 and Part 2 of the Annual Report we have shown the Commission our commitment to comply with the requested data.
- e. We have presented all of the data requested by the Commission since we were accepted as Cooperating Non Member and we are committed to continue doing so.
- f. Currently no additional information has been requested to my country.



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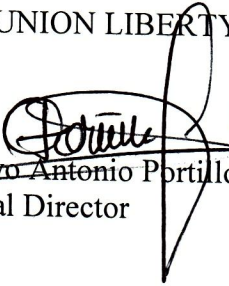
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- g. We have been contributing to the Commission with the voluntary financial amounts that we are requested, and we will continue doing so.
- h. We very much believe we meet all of the requirements stated in CMM 2009-11, paragraph 11.

The Republic of El Salvador is available for further information the Commission may need in order to continue granting us the *Cooperating Non Member* status for year 2018.

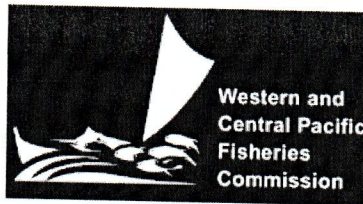
Sincerely yours.

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Gustavo Antonio Portillo
General Director



CC Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott, *Compliance Manager WCPFC*



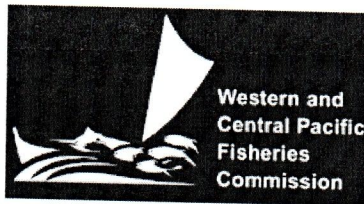
**TEMPLATE FOR COOPERATING NON-MEMBER REQUESTS
2017 version**

The attached template has been prepared by the WCPFC Secretariat based on a suggestion from TCC9 that a standard template would assist with the Commissions review and consideration of Cooperating Non-Member applications pursuant to CMM 2009-11.

Requests for Cooperating Non-Member requests are due 60 days before TCC

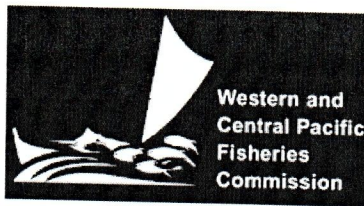
Cooperating Non-Member Applications should be sent by email to WCPFC Secretariat, attention Executive Assistant, Ms Arlene Takesy arlene.takesy@wcpfc.int and cc to wcpfc@wcpfc.int

As agreed at WCPFC13, the 2017 version includes section 4 indicate interest in WCPFC membership.



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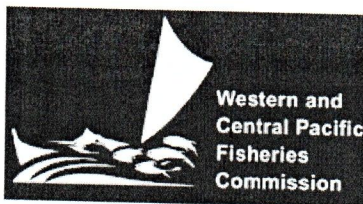
a. Name of requesting country		EL SALVADOR
b. Date of request (should be sent at least 60 days before TCC) (CMM 2009-11 paragraph 1) dd-mm-yyyy		16-May-2017
c. Is this the first time to request CNM status? Yes/No		NO
d. If this is an application for renewal, specify the year that CNM status was first granted by WCPFC? yyyy		2017 2008
SECTION 1: MINIMUM REQUIRED COMMITMENTS TO BE STATED IN THE REQUEST		
1.1 What is the reason for this request for CNM status? (CMM 2009-11 2(a))	We have been requesting this status for the last 9 years as tuna industry brings economical development to our country by creating job opportunities and food security.	
1.2 Commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission and, to the greatest extent possible, its nationals, comply with the provisions of the convention and CMMs adopted by the Commission (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(b))	Since 2008 we have shown the Commission our commitment to comply with the different CMM adopted and to cooperate in differents issues as our capabilities allow.	
1.3 Commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspection (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(c))	We accept that our flagged vessels be boarded under the high seas boarding inspections program adopted by the Commission.	
1.4 Explicit commitment to make a financial commitment commensurate with financial contribution if Contracting Party of Commission (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(g))	We annually contribute to the Commission with the voluntary financial amount established during the annual meeting. We are committed to continue doing so.	
<i>The Commission has assessed the financial commitment expected from all CNMs at 50% of the contribution that a CNM would have to make if it was a member. (WCPFC7 Summary Report paragraph 64)</i>		



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SECTION 2: MINIMUM REQUIRED DATA AND REPORTING TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS REQUEST Yes/No	
<p>2.1 Have 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 been submitted to WCPFC? (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(d))</p> <p align="right">Yes/No</p>	YES
<p>2.2 Have all the data and information members of the Commission are required to submit, in accordance with the recommendations adopted by the Commission; details of its current fishing presence in the Convention Area, including the number of its vessels and their characteristics; results from research programmes it has conducted in the Convention Area, been submitted to WCPFC? (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(e))</p> <p>And did applicant provide all data members of the Commission are required to submit, in a timely manner, in accordance with the format and standards adopted by the Commission? (CMM 2009-11 para 11(b))</p> <p align="right">Yes/No</p> <p><i>In addition to the rules on scientific data to be provided to the Commission (due April 30 for the previous calendar year), the Annual Report Part 1 (due 60 days before the SC) is the mechanism that WCPFC presently uses for CCMs to provide information on fishing activities during the previous calendar year.</i></p>	YES
<p>2.3 Have any further relevant information as determined by the Commission been submitted to WCPFC? (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(f))</p> <p align="right">Yes/No</p>	YES

SECTION 3: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY APPLICANTS WHO ARE REQUESTING TO RENEW COOPERATING NON-MEMBER STATUS (CMM 2009-11 para 3(e))	
<p>3.1 Did applicant comply with all conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission?</p> <p align="right">Yes/No</p> <p>Provide comments on your compliance record in WCPFC and fisheries laws and regulations of coastal States? (CMM 2009-11 Para 3(b) and para 11(a))</p>	<p align="center">YES</p> <p>TCCs since 2009 have received our data regarding the different CMM adopted and our compliance efforts.</p>
<p>3.2 If a flag State, did applicant respond in a timely manner to alleged violations of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and any IUU activities of vessels flying its flag, as requested by a member of the Commission or determined by the appropriate subsidiary bodies of the Commission and communicate to the member making the request and to the Commission, the actions it has taken against the vessels in accordance with the provisions of Article 25 of the Convention?</p> <p align="right">Yes/No</p> <p>Provide comments on your record of compliance of responding to IUU activities by your flag vessels that have been brought to the Flag State's attention in accordance with Article 25 of the Convention? (CMM 2009-11 para 3(c) and 11(d))</p>	<p align="center">NO</p> <p>Salvadoran flagged vessels were not involved in IUU activities during 2016.</p>



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<p>3.3 As appropriate, provide comments on your record of compliance in other tuna RFMOs? (CMM 2009-11 para 3(d))</p>	<p>El Salvador is member of IATTC and has a good record of compliance, also at ICCAT we have been member for almost 2 years and we have a good record of compliance.</p>
<p>3.4 Did applicant inform the Commission annually of the measures it takes to ensure compliance by its vessels with the Commission's conservation and management measures? (CMM 2009-11 para 11(c)) Yes/No</p> <p><i>Annual Report Part 2 (due 1 July of each year) is the mechanism that WCPFC presently uses for CCMs to provide information on these activities during the previous calendar year.</i></p>	<p align="center">yes</p> <p>Our AR Part 1 and Part 2 reporting 2016 activities will be sent in the next few weeks as requested by the Commission.</p>
<p>3.5 Did applicant accept boardings in accordance with Commission high seas boarding and inspection procedures? (CMM 2009-11 para 11(e)) Yes/No</p>	<p align="center">yes</p> <p>We accept that our flagged vessels be boarded under the high seas boarding inspections in accordance with the Commission's procedures.</p>

SECTION 3: ANY OTHER COMMENTS

Last year during TCC12 as well as during the 13th meeting in Fiji, El Salvador requested to become a Member of the Commission. We have committed to comply (as we are already doing) with the Convention and the different CMM adopted. So. We hope members decide granting us Membership to WCPFC during 2017.

SECTION 4: INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP

4. Is applicant interested in becoming a WCPFC member?

Yes. Sure.