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## 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SPRFMO COMMISSION

*Port Vila, Vanuatu, 14 to 18 February 2020*

### COMM 8 – Report ANNEX 11c Statement of Peru Opposing a Decision by the SPRFMO Commission

Peru has repeatedly expressed its sensitivity with respect to the aspiration of Ecuador to have a greater Jack mackerel quota in the area of application of the Convention. Nevertheless, given the evident inequitable and arbitrary nature of the decision by which an increased quota is being allocated to Ecuador, Peru expresses its strong objection to the decision adopted by this Commission, which has forced us to vote against it. This decision affects Peru particularly, as a Contracting Party of the Convention who has not given its express consent to submit its jurisdictional waters to the competence of the Commission.

In this respect, we want to state our absolute disagreement with the arbitrary and unequal way in which an increased quota has been assigned to Ecuador. In practice, it only affects Peru, it violates its rights, and it neither respects the quota criteria established in article 21 of the Convention, nor the agreement reached in 2017 in the context of CMM 01-2017, regarding this matter. Therefore, Peru reserves its rights to exercise any legal action, including raising an objection with respect to the decision adopted by majority, with our vote against it, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention itself and other relevant regulations of international law.

Peru considers that this represents a negative precedent for future fishing allocations by the Commission.

Finally, I ask Mr. Chairperson that this statement be included in the body of the report and as an annex in the Final Report of this meeting.

*Port Vila (Republic of Vanuatu), on February 18, 2020.*