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Mr. Robin Allen
Executive Secretary
South Pacific Regional fisheries Management Organization

Subject: China's position on the 2011 Interim Measures

Dear Robin:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Chinese government to convey our final position with regard to the 2011 Interim Measures of pelagic fisheries adopted in the 2nd Preparatory Conference in Colombia this January.

You may recall, in that meeting, China reserved its position on catch reduction plan of the 2011 Interim Measures due to data accuracy and equity concern. Because of the utmost importance of Jack mackerel fishery to Chinese far-sea fisheries, we shares great concern with the current situation of Jack mackerel resources as other participants, and are willing to making our best possible contributions to the conservation and restoration of Jack mackerel recourses.

With comprehensive consideration and policy assessments, we decide to adopt combined measures, i.e. fishing efforts control plus catch reduction, to realize the equivalent effect as the catch reduction plan in the 2011 Interim Measures. More precisely, in the year of 2011, Chinese government will take measures to ensure 30% catch reduction from that of 2010, plus at least 20% fishing efforts reduction from that of 2010, which means the number of actively fishing vessels in 2011 not exceeding 7 (9 actively fishing vessel in 2010).

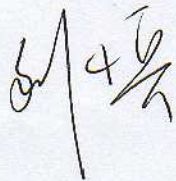
In addition, we commit to adhering to other voluntary commitments contained

within the 2011 Revised Interim Measures, e.g. collection and reporting of data in relation to catches. We also want to point out that above self-constrain measures only apply for the year 2011, and China is ready to discuss this issue further, on the outcome of the updated Jack mackerel resources assessment by the scientific working group, with our colleges at the 3rd Preparatory Conference, to contrive new interim measures for year 2012.

Lastly, we encourage the Interim Secretariat to fulfill its function in relation to catch data verification to improve the data accuracy of some relevant fishing participants, including "Lafayette" issue discussed currently.

I would kindly ask you to disseminate this letter to all other SPRFMO Participants.

Best regards



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Cc: Chairman of the Preparatory Conference for the Commission of the SPRFMO