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Att.: Robin Allen
the Acting Executive Secretary of
the South Pacific Regional Fisheries
Management Organisation

Dear Mr Allen,

With reference to the letter as of March 2, 2013 (Ref: 2013-0029) and according to paragraph 2(a) of Article 17 of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean (hereinafter the Convention) we present the objection in respect of established shares in the catch limit of *Trachurus murphyi* in 2013 specified in the Conservation and Management Measure for *Trachurus murphyi* (document CMM 1.01).

We adhere to the position that the decision on distribution of shares in the total allowable catch of *Trachurus murphyi* between the countries demonstrates unjustifiable discrimination against the Russian Federation in form and in fact, and is inconsistent with the provisions of the Convention.

The Russian Federation is guided by the fact that the Commission has neither grounds nor competence to review the catch data presented by the Parties by the date the Convention took effect.

We also note that the Russian Federation duly presented to the Secretariat of the Organization data on the Russian catch of *Trachurus murphyi* in 2010 amounting to 41,315 tonnes.

However, CMM 1.01 proves that these data have been disregarded in the course of establishing *Trachurus murphyi* catch limit in 2013.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of CMM 1.01 the Parties agreed that the total catch of *Trachurus murphyi* in 2013 shall be limited to 360,000 tonnes whereas the countries are to share in this total catch in the same proportions as their 2010 catches.

With the view to the above and following the principle of shares distribution in the catch of *Trachurus murphyi* in 2013 the Russian Federation establishes *Trachurus murphyi* catch limit in the Convention area in respect of the Russian fisheries equal to 19,944 tonnes.

The Russian Federation kindly asks to notify this letter to all countries participating in the Convention.

Deputy Head



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