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Asunto: ECUADOR

Johanne Fischer

Executive Secretary

**SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
(SPRFMO)**

En su Despacho

Dear Johanne;

Ecuador offers the most sincere apologies for the non-participation in the 5th Meeting of the SPRFMO, given to the current condition of the country and administrative disadvantages during this week (force majeure problems), for sure we will participate in the future Meetings, in this way Ecuador request to the Secretariat to read this document.

The purpose of this note is to make known the ecuadorian position as a sovereign and coastal country, in the process of development; we consider Vanuatu's proposal regarding redistribution of quotas and taking into consideration the additional 33.000MT suggested by the Scientific Committee, based on the principle of Articles 62 and 64 of the Convention, where it clearly states "the optimal use of resources"

DECLARATION OF ECUADOR

In accordance with Article 62 of the Constitution of the oceans "optimal use of resources"; which consists in the rational and adequate use of resources; having a quota allocation system in the South Pacific Regional Organization and Ecuador being an active member of it, we consider it timely to review the distribution of quotas, based on the criterion of riverine and developing countries, it is important to reach levels that allow to develop this fishery in the high seas.

That the Scientific Committee of the Organization determined the increase of 33,000 Tm in addition to the Total Allowable Total Capture (TAC), considering the healthy state of the stock subjected to fishing, of which it is feasible to reallocate an increase to the countries with lower assignment; as well as the sustainable use of the mackerel (*Trachurus murphyi*).

Recognizing that Ecuador has been and is a regional fishing referent in the process of development, which requires to boost the mackerel fishery in the high seas, it ratifies its initial request for an annual quota over 10,000 Tm under the following aspects:

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1. Grant 10% of the 33,000 MT proposed by the Scientific Committee; That is, 3,300 Tm.
2. Reassign 2% of the unused total which is 43,000 MT, referring to optimal use "; That is, 1,290 Tm.
3. In addition to the 1,100 MT granted in 2015, Ecuador would have a total of 5,690 MT that would allow minimum levels for the development of the high seas fishery.

Sincerely yours,

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