

Statement of Ecuador

Ecuador ratifies its engagement towards the objectives and principles of the convention for the conservation and management of the fishery resources in the high seas of the South Pacific Ocean. These objectives have already been taken into account in an effective manner thanks to actions and national policies adopted, as informed in this meeting.

Ecuador ratifies as well its engagement in regards to the decisions adopted by the Commission, as per article 20(4) and confirms its right to carry on administrating its fishery management within its juridical waters and exclusive economic zone, according to the most updated scientific information made available by the competent national organizations and in regards to its sovereign rights to insure food security for its people and when applicable to take into consideration the recommendations of the scientific working group.

Additionally Ecuador reaffirms its rights and future expectations to have access to pelagic fisheries in the area governed by the Convention – high seas – as per article 21 of the Convention.