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ATTN: Heads of Delegation
International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)

24 Supply Chain Companies Call on Tuna Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) to Increase Observer Coverage Rates and Adopt a Timeline to Achieve 100% Observer Coverage

The undersigned companies are committed to sourcing seafood responsibly, including tuna from the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans. A key component of our sustainability efforts is increasing observer coverage in industrial tuna fisheries—whether through human observers or electronic monitoring (EM), or a combination of both. Effective fisheries management, compliance monitoring, and independent verification of catch, effort, species composition, and bycatch all depend on robust monitoring.

In the past 24 months, ICCAT, WCPFC, IOTC and IATTC have adopted interim minimum program standards for electronic monitoring of tuna vessels. This is important and welcome progress and will further the ability of tuna RFMOs to increase vessel-based monitoring.

We therefore urge ICCAT, WCPFC, IOTC and IATTC to immediately increase observer coverage levels on tuna vessels—including large-scale longline and small-scale purse seine vessels—from current minimum coverage of less than 5-10 percent. Furthermore, we call on the Commissions to adopt clear timelines for achieving 100% observer coverage across all industrial tuna vessels.

As companies engaged in the global sourcing of tuna, we strongly encourage your government to support efforts to address the critical need for increased monitoring of tuna vessels within respective RFMO jurisdictions.

We appreciate your delegation's commitment to advancing this priority and thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

Kind regards,

