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Dear Sir/Madam,

COMMUNICATION FROM SOMALIA REGARDING FOUR VESSELS INCLUDED IN THE 2019 IOTC IUU VESSELS LIST

In accordance with Paragraph 81, of the Report of the 23rd Annual Session of the IOTC, the Commission **REQUESTED** that Somalia provide in the intersessional period, an official letter confirming that the vessels AL WESAM 1, AL WESAM 2, AL WESAM 4 and AL WESAM 5 are not registered to Somalia, as well as any evidence supporting their statement.

I am pleased to inform you that as a result of a reminder which was sent to the Federal Government of Somalia, following the recent adoption of the Report of the 23rd Annual Session of the IOTC, I have received the attached communication. I would like to invite you to refer to the letter from Federal Government of Somalia.

Yours sincerely,



Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- Communication from Somalia

Distribution

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

REF: MFMR /DG/0283/19

Date:-06/10/2019

TO: Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

SUB: Letter of Confirming that the vessels AL WESAM 1, AL WESAM 2, AL WESAM 4
and AL WESAM 5 are not registered to Somalia.

As we have stated in email sent on 17th June 2019, The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources of Federal Government of Somalia is hereby confirming that the vessels AL WESAM 1, AL WESAM 2, AL WESAM 4 and AL WESAM 5 are neither registered nor granted a license permit to fish in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of Somalia.

Therefore, we hereby requesting IOTC Executive Secretary to circulate this communication to IOTC CPCs for taking further action.

The Federal Government of Somalia is presenting its commitment in fighting, deterring all action against Illegal Unreported Unregulated Fishing activities in the competent area of Indian Ocean.

Your assurance in this matter is highly appreciated.

Best Regards



Mohamoud Sh. Abdullahi
Director General