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IOTC CIRCULAR 2019–53

Dear Sir/Madam

REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS FROM THE INDIAN OCEAN MOU ON PORT STATE CONTROL

Please find attached a request letter from the Indian Ocean MOU on Port State Control to participate as an Observer to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission processes.

In accordance with Rule XIV of the IOTC Rules of Procedure, Contracting Parties of the Commission may wish to allow the Indian Ocean MOU on Port State Control to participate as an Observer given their interest in the IOTC as stipulated in the attached letter. Thus, unless any objections are received within 30 days of the date of this Circular, the IOTC Secretariat will consider that approval has been granted for the Executive Secretary to issue an invitation to the potential Observer to attend IOTC meetings accordingly.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- Letter from the IO MOU

Distribution

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To
The Chairperson,
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission,

Subject: Application for Observer Status

Dear Sir,

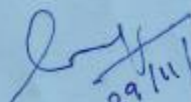
On behalf of the Indian Ocean MoU (IOMOU) on port State control, Committee, I present the compliments to you and the member Authorities and staff of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC).

The IOMOU was concluded in June 1998 and came into operation on 1st April 1999. The first Committee meeting of MOU took place at Goa, India from 20th to 22nd January 1999. During this period and at the first meeting, the following countries signed acceptance of the Memorandum of Understanding: Australia, Eritrea, India, Sudan, South Africa and Tanzania. Subsequently, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Iran, Kenya, Maldives, Oman, Yemen, France, Bangladesh, Comoros, Mozambique, Seychelles, Myanmar and Madagascar acceded to the MOU. Presently, twenty countries have become parties to the Memorandum.

The Maritime Authority of the United States Coast Guard, Black Sea MoU, Equasis, Ethiopia, West & Central Africa MoU, the International Maritime Organization, the International Labour Organization, Tokyo MoU, Riyadh MoU, Paris MoU and Caribbean MoU are associated with the IOMOU as observers.

During 4th JWG meeting held at Torremolinos, Spain, it was unanimously agreed by the committee that the IOMOU shall prepare a "mutually agreed pilot project training program", jointly collaborated with the IOTC. By identifying the common and different elements from both the sides, and by exchanging views of each other for mutual awareness, the training materials may be prepared as appropriate and the same may be put to other region if necessary to maintain a harmonised training program.

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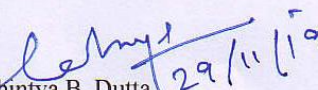
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On the basis of the above, the IOMOU Secretariat would like to request, to grant observer status with the IOTC, so that IOMOU can attend their relevant annual/ technical/working group meetings. Attendance of the above meeting is essential, since agreement needs to be finalized between IOMOU and IOTC for carrying out the aforesaid pilot project for the capacity-building and training for the PSCOs of the IOMOU on fishing vessels.

Further, it is requested that IOTC may also apply for the observer status with IOMOU, by sending formal application, so that IOTC also can attend IOMOU meetings.

Look forward to your kind consideration of the request.

Yours sincerely,


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Deputy Secretary
IOMOU Secretariat.