



CCSBT-EC/1310/14

Cooperating Non-members

Purpose

To discuss the on-going status of existing Cooperating Non-Members.

Discussion

The resolution establishing the status of Cooperating Non-Membership requires annual confirmation of that status after evaluation by the Extended Commission (EC) of the performance of Cooperating Non-Members (CNMs) against commitments given to the Extended Commission.

CCSBT 19 considered the performance of CNMs. The report of CCSBT 19 noted that:

- “65. There were no significant areas of concern with respect to compliance by the Philippines and therefore Members confirmed the Philippines’ CNM status.
66. Compliance of both the EU and South Africa with CCSBT Measures was discussed at length.
67. The meeting confirmed the European Union’s continuing CNM status, and noted that the EU had committed to comply with CCSBT MCS measures and their existing reporting obligations including those under the CDS Resolution.
68. The meeting also confirmed South Africa’s continuing CNM status, but noted its serious concerns about South Africa’s overcatches which had occurred in both 2011 and 2012. Indonesia’s agreement to continuing South Africa’s CNM status was subject to South Africa improving its future compliance with CCSBT Measures. Members encouraged South Africa to accede to the Convention as soon as possible. South Africa thanked the EC for renewing South Africa’s CNM status and reconfirmed its commitment to comply with its quota allocated by CCSBT.”

Annual assessments of compliance with CCSBT management measures are conducted by the Compliance Committee. Consequently, for information concerning any significant issues of non-compliance by CNMs, the EC is referred to the report of the 2013 annual meeting of the Compliance Committee, which is being held immediately before the annual meeting of the EC.

In the interim, Attachments A and B of paper CCSBT-CC/1310/04 provide information concerning the compliance of both Members and CNMs with CCSBT measures (particularly reporting requirements and the TAC). These attachments indicate that there are some areas of non-compliance or late/partial-compliance by CNMs as there are with some Members.