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**Subject: CCSBT CCWG 3 of 7-11 April 2014
New Head of EU Delegation to CCSBT**

Dear Mr Kennedy,

I would like to refer to your Circular number 2014/001 and 005 of, respectively, 22 January and 11 February 2014 regarding the agenda and the draft documents for discussion at the CCSBT Compliance Committee Working Group (CCWG 3) of 7-11 April 2014 in Yeosu, South Korea.

As the EU will not be able to attend CCWG 3, I would like to put forward in writing the following elements for the consideration of CCSBT Members and Cooperating Non-Members of the Extended Commission:

- Regarding the CCSBT draft proposal on Port State Measures in Agenda item 3, attached you will find our comments in track changes.

We have also invited the Secretariat to include the recently approved SPRFMO PSM Conservation Measure (CMM 2.07) as a relevant background document for the discussion.

- Concerning the definition of catches in Agenda item 5, in view of the fact that the key element that the definition tries to address is the overall fishing mortality, the EU considers that the concept of "total removals" could be more suitable to that end.

In this regard, we would like to propose as a definition of catches "the total weight and number of fish caught by fishing operations" to replace our previous definition.

I would like to seize this opportunity to announce officially that Luis Molledo will be the new Head of the EU Delegation to CCSBT. Please make the necessary changes in your official correspondence. I understand that Mr Molledo has already established the necessary contacts with the CCSBT Secretariat for some time now.

I would kindly ask you to circulate this letter to all CCSBT Members and Cooperating Non-Members of the Extended Commission.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex: EU comments on CCSBT draft PSM Resolution