

**JOINT DECLARATION OF VICE-PRESIDENT WOLFRUM AND
JUDGES CAMINOS, MAROTTA RANGEL, YANKOV, ANDERSON
AND EIRIKSSON**

As regards the state of the stock of southern bluefin tuna, we fully share the views of the Tribunal set out in paragraphs 71, 77 and 80 of the Order. The scientific evidence presented to the Tribunal indicates that the stock has been severely depleted and is presently in a poor state. There remain uncertainties over the life cycle of the stock, as well as differences of opinion among scientists concerning the prospects for its future recovery. Cooperation among the members of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna, at both the scientific and governmental levels, has not been effective in recent years; and during this same period catches by non-members of the Commission and new entrants to the fishery have risen significantly.

In the circumstances, a reduction in the catches of all those concerned in the fishery in the immediate short term would assist the stock to recover over the medium to long term. Article 64 of the Convention lays down, as stated in the Order, a duty to cooperate to that end.

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| <i>(Signed)</i> | Rüdiger Wolfrum |
| <i>(Signed)</i> | Hugo Caminos |
| <i>(Signed)</i> | Vicente Marotta Rangel |
| <i>(Signed)</i> | Alexander Yankov |
| <i>(Signed)</i> | David H. Anderson |
| <i>(Signed)</i> | Gudmundur Eiriksson |