



**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS AND
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES**

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Letter from El Salvador: Request to Become a Full WCPFC Member

Dear All,

I bring to your attention a letter dated August 25, 2016 addressed to me from El Salvador. The letter is self-explanatory and expresses the desire of the Cooperating Non-Member to become a full member of WCPFC. As requested the letter is circulated for your information and consideration.

Yours sincerely,



**Feleti Penitala Teo, OBE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



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El Salvador, August 25, 2016

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Dear Mr. Teo OBE:

Among the decisions and recommendations from TCC10 and TCC11 was to recommend WCPFC11 and WCPFC12 to consider inviting El Salvador to become member of the Commission.

During both Regular Meetings there were some concerns that my country may increase fishing capacity if allowed to become a member of the Commission. We explained to Members that it was not our intention to increased capacity in the region, we are very clear that our number of purse seine vessels fishing in the Convention Area should remain as it was on December 31, 2012.

Our status of Cooperating Non Member was granted in 2008, we have paid our voluntary contributions to the Commission since 2011 without hesitations, and we have done our best to comply with the Convention Text and the applicable Conservation and Management Measures.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to circulate this letter among the Members of the Commission to consider the desire of my country to become member of the WCPFC, TCC12 should be a perfect place to evaluate my country's request.

I look forward to hearing either from you or the Members of the Commission regarding this letter.

Sincerely yours.

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Gustavo Antonio Portillo
General Director

