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Department of Fisheries
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26 July B.E. 2560 (2017)

Dear Sir,

Subject: Renewal of the Status of Cooperating Non-Member

Kindly refer to the 13th Regular Session of the Commission agreed to grant a renewal of the Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status for Thailand for one year with the participatory right limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels.

As a CNM, Thailand takes pride in cooperating with the Commission and pledges its commitment to make financial contribution as agreed upon by the Commission in the regular meeting. In addition, we pledge our full commitment in implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission. Although Thailand reaffirms its position to accept high seas boarding and inspection, it automatically opts out from such commitment due to no fishing.

Thailand looks forward to enhance close cooperation with the Commission and its Members in the future and anticipate that the Commission will agree to renew the status of CNM to Thailand for the year 2018.

Please be assured of our full cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,

(Mrs. Unaporn Pimolbutr)

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a. Name of requesting country	Thailand
b. Date of request (should be sent at least 60 days before TCC) (CMM 2009-11 paragraph 1) dd-mm-yyyy	20-Jul-2017
c. Is this the first time to request CNM status? Yes/No	NO
d. If this is an application for renewal, specify the year that CNM status was first granted by WCPFC? yyyy	2010
SECTION 1: MINIMUM REQUIRED COMMITMENTS TO BE STATED IN THE REQUEST	
1.1 What is the reason for this request for CNM status? (CMM 2009-11 2(a))	Thailand would like to continued its cooperative role in conservation and management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the WCPO to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing. In addition, Thailand would like to be granted to operate carrier and bunker vessel in Convention Area.
1.2 Commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission and, to the greatest extent possible, its nationals, comply with the provisions of the convention and CMMs adopted by the Commission (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(b))	As a CNM, Thailand takes pride in cooperating with the Commission and pledge our full commitment in implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.
1.3 Commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspection (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(c))	Thai fishing vessel has not been operating in the WCPFC due to lack of capacity to venture to conduct fishing operating in the area of competency. As a CNM, Thailand reaffirms its position to accept high sea boarding and inspection.
1.4 Explicit commitment to make a financial commitment commensurate with financial contribution if Contracting Party of Commission (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(g)) <i>The Commission has assessed the financial commitment expected from all CNMs at 50% of the contribution that a CNM would have to make if it was a member. (WCPFC7 Summary Report paragraph 64)</i>	As a CNM, Thailand pledges its commitment to make financial contribution as agree upon by the Commission in the regular meeting.



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SECTION 2: MINIMUM REQUIRED DATA AND REPORTING TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS REQUEST		<i>Yes/No</i>
<p>2.1 Have full data on its historical fisheries in the Convention Area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, name of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas been submitted to WCPFC? (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(d))</p> <p align="right"><i>Yes/No</i></p>	NO	
<p>2.2 Have all the data and information members of the Commission are required to submit, in accordance with the recommendations adopted by the Commission; details of its current fishing presence in the Convention Area, including the number of its vessels and their characteristics; results from research programmes it has conducted in the Convention Area, been submitted to WCPFC? (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(e))</p> <p>And did applicant provide all data members of the Commission are required to submit, in a timely manner, in accordance with the format and standards adopted by the Commission? (CMM 2009-11 para 11(b))</p> <p align="right"><i>Yes/No</i></p> <p><i>In addition to the rules on scientific data to be provided to the Commission (due April 30 for the previous calendar year), the Annual Report Part 1 (due 60 days before the SC) is the mechanism that WCPFC presently uses for CCMs to provide information on fishing activities during the previous calendar year.</i></p>	YES	
<p>2.3 Have any further relevant information as determined by the Commission been submitted to WCPFC? (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(f))</p> <p align="right"><i>Yes/No</i></p>	YES	

SECTION 3: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY APPLICANTS WHO ARE REQUESTING TO RENEW COOPERATING NON-MEMBER STATUS (CMM 2009-11 para 3(e))	
<p>3.1 Did applicant comply with all conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission?</p> <p align="right"><i>Yes/No</i></p> <p>Provide comments on your compliance record in WCPFC and fisheries laws and regulations of coastal States?</p> <p>(CMM 2009-11 Para 3(b) and para 11(a))</p>	<p align="center">YES</p> <p>As a CNM, Thailand has only seven fish carrier vessels listed in WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels that authorize to operate in the Convention area.</p>
<p>3.2 If a flag State, did applicant respond in a timely manner to alleged violations of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and any IUU activities of vessels flying its flag, as requested by a member of the Commission or determined by the appropriate subsidiary bodies of the Commission and communicate to the member making the request and to the Commission, the actions it has taken against the vessels in accordance with the provisions of Article 25 of the Convention?</p> <p align="right"><i>Yes/No</i></p> <p>Provide comments on your record of compliance of responding to IUU activities by your flag vessels that have been brought to the Flag State's attention in accordance with Article 25 of the Convention?</p> <p>(CMM 2009-11 para 3(c) and 11(d))</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p> <p>No carrier vessel flying Thai flag was alleged violations of conservation and management measures and any IUU activities in the WCPFC Competent Area.</p>



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<p>3.3 As appropriate, provide comments on your record of compliance in other tuna RFMOs? (CMM 2009-11 para 3(d))</p>	<p>Thailand is a member of IOTC. Thailand has a Fisheries Royal Ordinance B.E. 2558 and amendment covering requirement of RFMOs</p>
<p>3.4 Did applicant inform the Commission annually of the measures it takes to ensure compliance by its vessels with the Commission's conservation and management measures? (CMM 2009-11 para 11(c)) Yes/No</p> <p><i>Annual Report Part 2 (due 1 July of each year) is the mechanism that WCPFC presently uses for CCMs to provide information on these activities during the previous calendar year.</i></p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Thailand regularly submit Annual Report Part 1, Part 2, including Fish/do not fish report. In 2017, Thailand is going to submit Annual Report Part 1, Part 2 (on line) and fish/do not fish report due to the schedule.</p>
<p>3.5 Did applicant accept boardings in accordance with Commission high seas boarding and inspection procedures? (CMM 2009-11 para 11(e)) Yes/No</p>	<p>YES</p>

SECTION 3: ANY OTHER COMMENTS

As a CNM of WCPFC, Thailand looks forward to enhance close cooperation with the Commission and its Members in the future and anticipate that the Commission will agree to renew the status of CNM to Thailand for 2018.

SECTION 4: INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP

4. Is applicant interested in becoming a WCPFC member?