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Dear Mr Joseph, *Glen*

**FFA Secretariat's preliminary comments on the Compliance Monitoring Scheme work**

Thank you for all your sustained effort to facilitate consideration of the Report from the Independent Review of the CMS and develop a proposed measure within the WCPFC for the Compliance Monitoring Scheme. We are very confident that under your leadership we can successfully deliver on these tasks.

I write on behalf of the FFA Secretariat, in our capacity as Intersessional Working Group (IWG) Members, and this is without prejudice to any comments from any of our FFA Members.

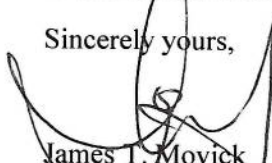
1. We wish to express our full support to you in progressing this important task. Hence, our immediate priority is to support our FFA Members in working closely with you and other IWG Members to develop a draft measure for consideration at TCC14 and WCPFC15. Along this line, we agree with you that the next 4 months are critical for the IWG in ensuring we have a draft measure that we collectively agree to, for submission to TCC14.
2. Our FFA Members have consistently stated that we are fully supportive of a Compliance Monitoring Scheme. At the same time, it is fundamental that the Scheme is fair, effective and efficient, which includes ensuring clarity on what is required and how assessments are undertaken. In addition, the processes and tools which support the Scheme must recognise the special requirements of SIDS, which include streamlining such processes, strengthening capacity, promoting and improving compliance. This also requires a widely-consulted and well-informed 2013-06 SIDS impact assessment to inform our decision-making before a measure is adopted and used in the CMS.
3. We thank you for the draft principles document. It carefully sets out key concepts which we can use as a basis for the measure. When the FFA members meet in Auckland they will provide detailed feedback on these principles.

We take this opportunity to recognise the work of the Review Panel and their comprehensive and well-written final report. In our view, it responds to the concerns raised by FFA Members and provides valuable recommendations to help move us forward on our CMS tasks.

Should you have any queries to the FFA Secretariat, please feel free to contact our Legal Counsel Dr Manu Tupou-Roosen ([manu.tupou-roosen@ffa.int](mailto:manu.tupou-roosen@ffa.int)) and Director of Fisheries Operations Mr Noan Pakop ([noan.pakop@ffa.int](mailto:noan.pakop@ffa.int)).

We look forward to meeting with you shortly.

Sincerely yours,

  
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