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Ref: Request by the Government of Vietnam to renew CNM status for 2017

Dear Mr. Feleti Teo,

On behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the members of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission for having accepted Viet Nam as a Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) of the Commission consecutively since 2010.

By means of this letter, Viet Nam would like to request the Commission to renew its CNM status for 2017.

Cooperation

The Government of Viet Nam agrees to cooperate fully in the implementation of the Commission's Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) and will ensure that Vietnamese fishing vessels and, to the greatest extent possible, Vietnamese nationals that fish in the Convention Area comply with the provisions of the Convention and the Commission's CMMs.

High seas boarding and inspection

The Government of Viet Nam accepts high seas boarding and inspection of Vietnamese fishing vessels in accordance with the Commission's procedures on high seas boarding and inspection.

Provision of scientific data and information

The Government of Viet Nam is fully committed to work with the Commission in the context of the 'Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission'. Viet Nam has been providing the Commission with its best available data and information on historical and current tuna catches, including Part I and Part II Reports for the recent years.

Financial contribution

The Government of Viet Nam supports the decision taken at WCPFC7, which requests all CNMs to make an annual contribution that is 50% of the amount that would be payable if the CNM would be a member.

Relationships with other RFMOs

Vietnamese fishing vessels have so far not engaged in fishing in the regulatory areas of other regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) and neither Viet Nam nor its fishing vessels have ever been identified by any RFMO for having undermined their effectiveness.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam would like to express its sincere thanks to the Commission members for consideration of this request to renew Viet Nam's CNM status. We would also like to reiterate our wish to contribute further to the WCPFC's efforts in conserving and managing migratory fish stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Phat', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Cao Duc Phat
Minister



TEMPLATE FOR COOPERATING NON-MEMBER REQUESTS

The attached template has been prepared by the WCPFC Secretariat based on a suggestion from TCC9 that a standard template would assist with the Commissions review and consideration of Cooperating Non-Member applications pursuant to CMM 2009-11.

Requests for Cooperating Non-Member requests are due 60 days before TCC

Cooperating Non-Member Applications should be sent by email to WCPFC Secretariat, attention Executive Assistant, Ms Arlene Takesky arlene.takesky@wcpfc.int and cc to wcpfc@wcpfc.int



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a. Name of requesting country	Viet Nam	
b. Date of request (should be sent at least 60 days before TCC) (CMM 2009-11 paragraph 1) dd-mm-yyyy	12-Jul-2016	
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))	Viet Nam hopes to cooperate with the WCPFC and contribute further to the WCPFC's efforts in conserving and managing migratory fish stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean	
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))	The Government of Viet Nam agrees to cooperate fully in the implementation of the Commission's Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) and will ensure that Vietnamese fishing vessels and, to the greatest extent possible, Vietnamese nationals that fish in the Convention Area comply with the provisions of the Convention and the Commission's CMMs	
1.3 Commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspection (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(c))	The Government of Viet Nam accepts high seas boarding and inspection of Vietnamese fishing vessels in accordance with the Commission's procedures on high seas 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>	The Government of Viet Nam supports the decision taken at WCPFC7, which requests all CNMs to make an annual contribution that is 50% of the amount that would be payable if the CNM would be a member	



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SECTION 2: MINIMUM REQUIRED DATA AND REPORTING TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS REQUEST Yes/No	
<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)) Yes/No</p>	YES
<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)) 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)) Yes/No <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)) Yes/No</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? Yes/No Provide comments on your compliance record in WCPFC and fisheries laws and regulations of coastal States? (CMM 2009-11 Para 3(b) and para 11(a))</p>	YES Viet Nam has no non-compliance issues with the WCPFC or the fisheries laws and regulations of coastal States
<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? Yes/No 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? (CMM 2009-11 para 3(c) and 11(d))</p>	YES Viet Nam has not had any fishing operations in the Convention Area and there has been no allegations against Vietnamese vessels or nationals with regard to IUU activities in the Convention Area



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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>Vietnamese fishing vessels have so far not engaged in fishing in the regulatory areas of other regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) and neither Viet Nam nor its fishing vessels have ever been</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>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>
<p>SECTION 3: ANY OTHER COMMENTS</p>	
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