
APPLICATION FOR COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS
URUGUAY



Montevideo, March 25, 2008

Dr. Alejandro Anganuzzi
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)

Re: URUGUAY – Request for Cooperating non-contracting Party status

Dear Sir,


On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uruguay, acting through the Dirección Nacional de Recursos Acuáticos (DI.NA.R.A.), we respectfully request the submission of Uruguay's application for Cooperating non-Contracting Party status to the Commission's consideration.

When considering our application, please take into account that:

- IOTC's granted Uruguay Cooperating non-Contracting status last year
- Uruguay has been and will continue submitting the required data to the Commission
- the Uruguayan fishing fleet did not operate within the Commission's area of competence in 2007
- Uruguay has a renewed and continued undertaking to respect FAO's Behavior Code for Responsible Fishing, participate in RFOs, and respect and enforce management and conservation measures.

We are at your disposal to provide any additional information that may be required in this connection.

Sincerely,



Daniel Montiel
Director
DI.NA.R.A