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Note by US Commissioners on enforcement issues

The US Commissioners desire to call to the attention of the Commission the broad mandate given to STACTIC through the Commission's actions at the Eighth Special Meeting, and in particular, the agreement that the Commission consider and take action at the Annual Meeting on the proposals for more effective methods of control which may be generated by STACTIC at its meeting prior to the Annual Meeting.

The US Commissioners expect that STACTIC, in its review and analysis of the provisions and effectiveness of the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement, and related material, may well present proposals to the Commission on, *inter alia*, the following subjects:

- an improved observer program,
- an improved vessel registration licensing system,
- a system of minimum penalties to be imposed upon conviction of infringements of significant ICNAF conservation regulations.