
LETTERS OF CREDENTIALS

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the 'Letters of Credentials' received by the IOTC Executive Secretary for the 20th Session of the Commission.

BACKGROUND

The IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014) require the following action in regards to 'Letters of Credentials':

Rule III: Credentials:

1. *At each Session the Executive Secretary shall receive the Letter of Credentials of each delegation issued by, or on behalf of, the Head of state, the head of government, the minister for foreign affairs or the minister concerned, indicating clearly the head of delegation and the alternate, as well as the list of advisors and experts who will be part of the delegation. Such Letter of Credentials shall conform to the standard set out in [Appendix I](#). The Executive Secretary shall report to the Commission the Letter of Credentials received and recommendations for any action if required.*

DISCUSSION

In 2016, to better meet the requirements stipulated in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014), the IOTC Secretariat has set up a 'Letters of Credentials' table on each Session webpage, as detailed below. The pages contains 'place markers' for all IOTC CPCs (36 in total as of 22 April 2016, consisting of 32 Contracting Parties and 4 Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties), as well as the dates when the LOC was received.

CoC13: <http://iotc.org/meetings/13th-session-compliance-committee-coc13>

SCAF13: <http://iotc.org/meetings/13th-session-standing-committee-administration-and-finance-scaf13>

S20: <http://iotc.org/meetings/20th-session-indian-ocean-tuna-commission-s20>

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC–2016–S20–03b which provided the Commission with an opportunity to consider the 'Letters of Credentials' received by the IOTC Executive Secretary for the 20th Session of the Commission, as required in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014).
- 2) **CONSIDER** whether a pdf copy of the 'Letter of Credentials' from each CPC should also be uploaded to the various meeting pages on a mandatory or voluntary basis.
- 3) **CONSIDER** whether a pdf copy of the 'Letter of Credentials' from each Observer should also be uploaded to the various meeting pages on a mandatory or voluntary basis.