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Dear Madam / Sir

RESIGNATION OF THE IOTC CHAIRPERSON

It is with much consideration and regret that I inform the Commission Members that I am resigning as the Chairperson of the IOTC in order to concentrate fully on my new role in the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives. I will, therefore, not be able to commit as much time to the IOTC as required. My last date as Chairperson will be 10 February 2021. I hope this does not cause the commission a great deal of inconvenience.

It has been an honour to work with you and a privilege to have received your trust and support as IOTC Chairperson since 2018. During my tour I have seen the Commission change for the better as more Members actively participate with a passion and commitment in not only addressing the challenges facing the fish stocks but also ensuring that the IOTC evolves into an organization that can effectively deploy its mandate. Members have had to tirelessly make tough choices to ensure resolutions are made and adopted on emerging issues. I, am therefore, confident that this concerted effort and zeal will continue during implementation with the net result of a sustainable fishery that will benefit our communities in years to come.

Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Riley Kim Jung-re (Rep. of Korea) has kindly agreed to chair the special Session in March and otherwise lead the Commission until a new Chairperson is elected.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and for your understanding, I wish you all success in the future.

Yours sincerely

Susan Imende

Chairperson

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