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European Union Proposal for Comprehensive Catch Reporting in NPFC Fisheries

Abstract: This paper presents recommendations to incorporate additional text into the respective paragraphs of existing Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) to clarify the obligation of Members and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CNCs) to report all catches, including both targeted and incidental (by-catch) species.

Following the discussion at COM09 plenary, in order to clarify that Members and CNCs have the duty to report all the catches, whether targeted or incidental (by-catch), the EU proposes to add the following text highlighted in yellow in the respective paragraphs of CMMs (open for revision at COM09):

- **Chub Mackerel CMM 2024-07, paragraph 6**
- **Pacific Saury CMM 2024-08, paragraph 11,**
- **Japanese Sardine, Neon Flying Squid, and Japanese Neon Flying Squid CMM 2024-11, paragraph 6**

Proposed Text:

“Members of the Commission and CNCs shall ensure that fishing vessels flying their flag that fish for [species of the CMM] record their catches, including incidental catches of other NPFC species, and any discards and report them to the relevant flag state authorities in accordance with their national data recording and reporting requirements.”