

## **ROLE PLAY STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. ASSUME YOUR ROLE**

Each of you will be given a record sheet, a name badge, and a role card representing a specific role within one of four nations or nation groups (Algeria, the European Union, Japan, and the United States). Each role card contains different information about the Bluefin tuna fishery issue and how it specifically relates to that particular stakeholder's role; and, in each country, 1-2 people will be assigned the role of the voting government official. Despite your personal views on this issue, you must faithfully represent the point of view and interests of your assigned stakeholder's role.

### **2. PREPARE FOR THE MEETING**

Each nation/nation group will have 4-8 representatives at the ICCAT meeting but only the government official(s) from each country will be able to cast a vote after the discussion. Before the meeting begins, find the other representatives from your group, meet with them briefly to introduce yourselves and share the information on your role cards with your group's government official(s). Next, familiarize yourself with the instructions on the record sheet and be prepared to record the information required during the role-play activity.

At the teacher's signal, collect your nation's placard and flag, set up your area of the meeting circle, and post your nation's name placard and flag at the front of your table.

### **3. BEGIN THE MEETING-OPEN FORUM PART 1**

Your teacher will serve as the moderator for the meeting and call it to order. Our goal for the meeting is to discuss and vote on the following proposal: **Should global fishing for Atlantic Bluefin tuna be banned?**

For the first 25 minutes of the meeting, all participants will have the opportunity to express their views regarding the proposal and share data or other evidence to support their views. Anyone may speak at any time but every participant must speak at least once during this time.

Proper etiquette is expected, only ONE person should speak at a time, and the moderator has the option of ejecting you from the meeting for unacceptable behavior. The first time you speak, first acknowledge the country and specific stakeholder you are representing.

While other stakeholders are presenting be sure to record the information required on your record sheet.

### **4. INTERSESSION PART 2**

After the open forum concludes, there will be a 10-minute intersession during which representatives from each nation/nation group should discuss and use majority rule to agree on their group's final position regarding the proposal. If the group cannot reach majority agreement, the government officials will have to decide how their countries are going to vote on the proposal.

When the group reconvenes for closing statements and the vote, one representative from each country must serve as the designated speaker. Although the government officials will cast the actual vote, the group can select a different stakeholder to deliver the group's closing statement if they so choose.

## **5. CLOSING STATEMENTS AND VOTE PART 3**

After the intersession, the meeting will reconvene and the designated speaker from each nation will have 2 minutes to make a closing statement. After all closing statements, each nation's government official(s) will then be called on to openly cast their country's vote regarding the proposal. A majority vote (3 or more nations) is required for the proposal to pass.