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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
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During CCAMLR-XXIX the Republic of Korea extended an invitation to the Secretariat to visit to Korea to provide a focused briefing on CCAMLR's requirements of Flag States whose fishing vessels operate in the Southern Ocean. Hosted by the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Korean Overseas Fisheries Association, the Secretariat's Science Officer, Dr Keith Reid, and Scientific Observer Data Analyst, Mr Eric Appleyard, visited Korea last week where they held focused meetings with government officials, scientists, representatives of the fishing industry, vessel captains, scientific observers and NGOs. The purpose of the meetings was to raise awareness and increase understanding of CCAMLR and the requirements of conservation measures that have been adopted by the Commission with a focus on krill and toothfish. In accordance with a request from Dr Sunpyo Kim, Head of the Korean Delegation to CCAMLR and Director of the International Legal Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Korea, I am circulating the attached letter of appreciation.

Andrew Wright
Executive Secretary

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Dear Mr. Andrew Wright


Following the invitation extended by Republic of Korea for the Secretariat to visit to Republic of Korea to provide detailed information on CCMLAR's approach to the management of fisheries, (see CCAMLR XXIX paragraph 11.24) I would like to extend the gratitude of Republic of Korea for the education and outreach provided by the Science Officer and the Scientific Observer Data Analyst during the period 23-25 November 2010.

The meeting was held at the Korea Overseas Fisheries Association in Seoul and was attended by scientists, representatives of the fishing industry, vessel captains, scientific observers as well as Korean government officials. Based on the feedback I have received from the meeting attendees it is clear that this has been a very useful exercise and has provided much improved clarity on a range of issues related to Republic of Korea's engagement in CCAMLR. I am confident that this improved understanding of the scientific basis for the data collection and reporting requirements will greatly assist Republic of Korea in fully implementing CCAMLR conservation measures.

I would like to thank again the visit of your staffs, Mr. Keith Reid and Mr. Eric Appleyard, who gave lectures on CCCMLA conservation measures.

I look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to Republic of Korea for the meetings of WG-SAM and WG-EMM in July 2011.

Yours sincerely,


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