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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION  
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Members are reminded that a new daily catch and effort reporting system has been implemented in exploratory fisheries in 2009/10, with the exception of exploratory krill fisheries (Conservation Measure 23-07). This reporting system references Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and each report covers a 24-hour period from 12 midnight to 12 midnight UTC (i.e. 0000 h to 2400 h UTC).

For consistency, Members participating in fisheries where Conservation Measure 23-07 applies are requested to implement the 5-day or 10-day catch and effort reporting system (Conservation Measures 23-01 or 23-02, as applicable) with reference to UTC. For example, the 5-day reporting periods in Conservation Measure 23-01 (paragraph 1) should run from:

Period A	0000 h UTC on day 1 to 2400 h UTC on day 5
Period B	0000 h UTC on day 6 to 2400 h UTC on day 10
Period C	0000 h UTC on day 11 to 2400 h UTC on day 15
Period D	0000 h UTC on day 16 to 2400 h UTC on day 20
Period E	0000 h UTC on day 21 to 2400 h UTC on day 25
Period F	0000 h UTC on day 26 to 2400 h UTC on the last day of the month.

In addition, Members are advised that all dates and times notified by the Secretariat in connection with exploratory fisheries in 2009/10, including fishery closure dates, will be made with reference to UTC.

Members may also wish to consider the general application of UTC to the monitoring of other fisheries and reporting of transshipments in the Convention Area in 2009/10.

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