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To whom it may concern:

The International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF), with support provided by the Common Oceans ABNJ Tuna Project, is coordinating a research project to test the use of biodegradable and non-entangling Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) in collaboration with Ghanaian fleets. The initiative addresses some of the challenges facing the fishing sector by implementing best practice solutions to reduce both ghost-fishing due to entanglement in FAD structure, and the amount of plastic used to construct FAD's structures, with the aim to contribute to achieving responsible, efficient and sustainable fisheries and biodiversity conservation.

This document is to certify that ORTHONGEL, representing CFTO and Saupiquet fishing companies, is participating in this project coordinated by the ISSF, to test the use of biodegradable and non-entangling Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) in the Atlantic Ocean. The fleet from CFTO and Saupiquet will report when a biodegradable FAD is encountered, following the protocol designed by ISSF. The aim is to monitor and track the lifetime of experimental Biodegradable Fish Aggregating Devices (BIOFAD) and to also study their performance to aggregate fish.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victor Restrepo', is positioned above the typed name.

Victor Restrepo
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