

- (b) a regional economic integration organization in which vessels are entitled to fly the flag of a member State of that regional economic integration organization;
- 5. "Consensus" means the adoption of a decision without voting and without the expression of any stated objection;
 - 6. "Parties" means the States and regional economic integration organizations which have consented to be bound by this Convention and for which this Convention is in force, in accordance with the provisions of Articles XXVII, XXIX, and XXX of this Convention;
 - 7. "Members of the Commission" means the Parties and any fishing entity which has expressed in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVIII of this Convention its formal commitment to abide by the terms of this Convention and comply with any conservation and management measures adopted pursuant thereto;
 - 8. "Regional economic integration organization" means a regional economic integration organization to which its member States have transferred competence over matters covered by this Convention, including the authority to make decisions binding on its member States in respect of those matters;
 - 9. "1949 Convention" means the Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica for the establishment of an Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission;
 - 10. "Commission" means the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission;
 - 11. "UNCLOS" means the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982;
 - 12. "1995 UN Fish Stocks Agreement" means the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, 1995;