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Dear Mr. Taconet,

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO FISHERY RESOURCES MONITORING SYSTEM (FIRMS)

South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO) was accorded observer status to FIRMS on 01 June 2006. After thorough review of FIRMS Partnership Arrangements, and taking into consideration that SEAFO could positively contribute to the promotion and improvement of fisheries status and trends within FAO Statistical Area 47, the Commission decided at its Annual Meeting in October 2006 that SEAFO should apply and become a full member of FIRMS. It is in this light that I apply that SEAFO be accorded a full membership to FIRMS. SEAFO will comply, to the fullest extent, with all the criteria established under the Partnership Arrangements.

I look forward to hearing from you in anticipation that SEAFO will be accorded a full membership to FIRMS.

Please accept assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Sincerely Yours,

Hashali Hamukuaya
Executive Secretary of SEAFO

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Hamukuaya", is written over the typed name and title.

cc. Chairperson, FSC