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**RE: Memorandum of Understanding with the Food
and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
(FAO)**

Urgent

For Review

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Dear Sir

The Management Authority of St. Vincent and the Grenadines extends its best regards to CITES Standing Committee and hereby submits its comments on the above captioned.

Whereas FAO is an esteemed organization with a proven track record of excellent scientific work in many branches of Agriculture and related fields including Fisheries. And whereas this international body represents the interests of a number of countries including the developing countries.

And whereas many developing countries including Small Island Developing States (SIDS) do lack the resources to be rigorous in their pursuit of scientific data FAO could provide the much-needed back stopping for many of these countries.

SVG CITES Management Authority therefore applauds the move to get FAO's involvement as set out in the Articles 1-5 of the Memorandum of Understanding and endorses the scope and methods of cooperation.

Yours truly,

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Chairman
SVG CITES Management Authority