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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE PROPONENT OF THE PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE PATAGONIAN NARROWNOSE SMOOTHOUNG (*Mustelus schmitti*) ON APPENDIX II OF THE CONVENTION

(Prepared by the government of Brazil)

In the recommendation issued by the Scientific Council regarding the proposal to include *Mustelus schmitti* in Appendix II of the Convention, it is noted that the Scientific Council expressed support for the proposal, with the only exception being a question regarding the convenience of inclusion in Appendix I, given its Critically Endangered (CR) global extinction risk. The choice of Appendix II, rather than Appendix I, is based on a shared conservation strategy and the regulatory realities of the countries where the species occurs. This considers the management of use, control, and monitoring, since inclusion in Appendix II allows for the continuation of economic use, which is more effective for species that already have national regulatory frameworks for exploitation. Additionally, international cooperation, through inclusion in Appendix II, promotes collaborative monitoring and traceability among the Parties, avoiding market isolation. Another potential benefit lies in regulatory harmonization, especially considering that the species has different levels of use permission across its Range States. Appendix II acts as a transboundary control mechanism that respects existing restrictions, strengthening them through multilateral cooperation. In light of the above, it is considered that the Scientific Council's concern has been adequately addressed. The feasibility of the proposal for inclusion in Appendix II is reiterated, as it represents the instrument that best balances the urgency of biological protection with operational feasibility and cooperation among the Parties, aiming at the effective improvement of the species' conservation status.

It was noted that item 7.3 was not completed in the original proposal; the required information is set out below.

- 7.3 Intention of the proponent concerning development of an Agreement or Concerted Action

In accordance with the procedures of the Convention on Migratory Species, the potential inclusion of this species under the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks will be duly considered through the relevant institutional mechanisms of the Convention. This process will involve an assessment by the body responsible for coordinating, overseeing, and supporting the implementation of the Sharks Memorandum of Understanding, considering its mandate, objectives, and applicable criteria.