Progress in the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and related instruments

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### Response Rate

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1. **Fisheries management**
   - 77% – started implementing EAF

2. **Fishing operations**
   - 76% – partially or fully implemented vessel monitoring schemes
   - 61% – bycatch and discard monitoring schemes

3. **Aquaculture development**
   - <50 percent – complete and enabling policies, legislation, institutional frameworks for the development of responsible aquaculture

4. **Integration of fisheries into coastal area management**
   - <25% – complete policies, legislation, institutional frameworks

5. **Post-harvest practices and trade**
   - 49% – complete and effective food safety and quality assurance systems
   - 98% – countries that took measures to address post-harvest loss and waste
6. **Fisheries research**
   - 64% – done research to assess/predict impact of climate change on fisheries
   - 41-50% of stocks for which an estimate of status obtained

7. **Small-scale fisheries**
   - 61 – 70% – average proportion of fisher folk involved in small-scale fisheries
   - 76% – active participation of women
   - 48% – specific initiatives to implement the Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines

8. **Constraints and solutions**
   - Top constraints: budget, human resources, research/statistics/information
   - Solutions: increased budget, training/awareness raising, improved research/statistics/information

9. **Regional fisheries bodies, NGOs**
   - RFBs: 76% - primary mandate of fisheries management
   - NGOs: 100% engage in assisting in implementation of IPOAs
Changes to the Questionnaire

• **SDG Targets 14.6 and 14.b** (See also Agenda item 9)
  - CoC questionnaire to be used for SDG14.6.1 and 14.6.1. Indicator reporting
  - IAEG-SDG: indicator methodologies approved, upgraded to tier II (April 2018)
  - SDG tool being developed within questionnaire to facilitate reporting

• **Aichi Biodiversity Targets**
  - AICHI Biodiversity target reporting

• **ALDFG**
  - New sections for analysis of status of abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear
Suggested Action by the Committee

- **Note progress on the implementation of the Code**
  - advise on how to address the gaps, constraints identified

- **Note the record response rate to the questionnaire**
  - encourage Members to maintain their commitment to respond

- **Provide guidance on how to continue to broaden and deepen the implementation of the Code**

- **Advise on broader use of the data and information submitted through the Code questionnaire**
  - reporting on other processes, assessments / studies, technical reports

- **Advise on review of questionnaire content**
  - further enhancements of the web-based application, related data management and data processing tools