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### REPORT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES ADVISORY WORKING GROUP ON AQUATIC GENETIC RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGIES

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The establishment of the Advisory Working Group on Aquatic Genetic Resources and Technologies (Working Group) and its terms of reference were approved at the 31<sup>st</sup> session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) in 2014, based on a request from the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture, and in recognition of the tremendous opportunities to increase food production and improve livelihoods from the responsible use, management and conservation of aquatic genetic resources and technologies.

2. The establishment of the Working Group will assist and provide advice to FAO on matters concerning aquatic genetic resources and technologies, and will enhance international cooperation on aquatic genetic resource management. Following FAO standard procedures for the establishment of the Working Group, ten experts were endorsed taking into consideration technical expertise, and gender and geographical balance. These members will serve a two-year term with the possibility of renewal.
3. This report contains the main discussion points and general conclusions and recommendations from the first meeting of the Working Group convened from 1–2 October 2015 in Brasilia, Brazil.

## **II. REPORT**

The report can be downloaded from the following link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i5553e.pdf>