

Committee on Fisheries

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Brazil's Comments under the Written Correspondence Procedure

Item 13.1: Terms of Reference of the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture

Brazil would like to express its support for the work carried out by the FAO to host the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture ("the Platform") and acknowledge the progress on its revised Terms of Reference (ToRs).

Brazil understands that the Platform has the potential to benefit a wide range of government bodies, members of the civil society and the productive sector engaged in the food, agriculture, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture, and land use planning, land use change and forestry sectors.

In this sense, to facilitate both the exchange of knowledge on best practices, actions and policy frameworks on digitization and the ensuing application of relevant frameworks available in the Platform, Brazil would like to stress that it is vital that the Platform be able to communicate, as seamlessly as possible, to existing platforms and databases.

Brazil is very interested in the Platform's potential to contribute to develop tools to manage fisheries and aquaculture resources and believes that the harmonization of practices, policies and technologies, taking into due account national specificities, will also help Members report to the FAO data that are vital to the Organization's work.