

166th Session of the Council

Report of the 34th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (1-5 February 2021)

Secretariat response to written inputs from the Council

The Secretariat fully appreciates the support expressed by the Members for the report of the 34th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI 34).

The Secretariat also fully takes note of the issues highlighted by Members and expects to follow-up and report periodically on the recommendations and decisions of COFI 34, through the COFI 35 Bureau.

With regard to the specific request made by the United States of America with regard to the 2021-23 Action Plan for the Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors, the Secretariat wishes to explain as follows: The reference to ‘geographic indications’ [GI’s] has been removed from the Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors and Action Plan.

With regard to the concern and request expressed by the European Union with regard to the preparation for the future COFI session, the Secretariat fully takes note of and will do its utmost to address this request, including the earlier availability of all documents, in particular the draft Provisional Agenda.

With regard to the concern and request expressed by Japan with regard to the modality of the session as well as the overall COFI system’s efficiency, the Secretariat fully takes note of and would like to work proactively and closely with the Chairperson from Japan inter-sessionally.