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the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (WG 3)**

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**Chairperson's Proposal on Draft Terms of Reference for the Sub-
Committee on Fisheries Management**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This document presents the Chairperson's proposal on draft Terms of Reference for the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (SCFM), based on the comments submitted.

1. The Sub-committee on Fisheries Management shall provide a forum for consultation and discussion on technical and policy issues related to fisheries management and advise COFI on the work to be performed by FAO, taking into account the work of international organizations, individual countries and NGOs and in cooperation with them, as appropriate.

Commentato [A1]: The Chair did not put "social" here since "policy" covers the concept.

2. In this context, the Sub-Committee shall:

(1) provide a technical forum to address solutions for the long-term conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources and advance the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries based on the best available science as well as the ecosystem and the precautionary approaches;

(2) identify and discuss major issues and trends in global fisheries management and sustainable development as well as determine those issues and trends requiring action in the domain of fisheries management, such as issues related to management of small-scale fisheries, effects of climate change on fishery management and eradication of IUU fishing;

(3) recommend international action to address such issues and trends as well as fisheries development needs and, in this regard: (i) to advise on a process to prepare, facilitate and implement actions identified; (ii) to advise on possible cooperation with other relevant groups and organisations such as Regional Fisheries Management Organizations with a view to promoting harmonisation and supporting policies and actions; (iii) to advise on promotion of information sharing on regional policies and technical measures on fisheries management, as appropriate; (iv) to advise on the strengthening of international collaboration to assist FAO Members, in particular developing Members, in the implementation of such actions and FAO instruments in the domain of fisheries management;

(4) promote sustainable development of small-scale fisheries, including through establishment of a non-binding instrument such as guidelines and advise on ways to enhance global awareness, understanding and action as well as to promote dialogue and collaboration among all stakeholders concerned;

(5) collaborate with and provide inputs to the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade on fishery management issues related to trade in fish and fisheries products;

(6) collaborate with and provide inputs to the Sub-Committee on Aquaculture on fishery management issues related to aquaculture;

Commentato [A2]: This sub-paragraph somewhat duplicates with 2. (2) above, but the Chair put this to stress the importance of small-scale fisheries, taking into account comments provided by Vietnam.

(7) address any specific (technical or policy) matters relating to fisheries management referred to it by its Members, the Committee on Fisheries or the Director-General of FAO.¹

¹ Rather than listing all the matters to be covered, it is proposed to keep general Terms of Reference that is flexible and broad and develop a virtual agenda, which will be elaborated with specific items to be discussed.