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the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (WG 4)**

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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 made during WG 3 and those submitted thereafter.

1. [The Sub-committee on Fisheries Management (SCFM) shall provide a forum for consultation and discussion on fisheries management and on technical and policy issues related to fisheries management as well as on the work to be performed by FAO related to these issues,] [taking into account the work of relevant international organizations, countries, stakeholders groups and NGOs and in cooperation with them, as appropriate.]

**Commented [太田 慎吾1]:** A new proposed text based on the comments from EU, Argentina and UK and discussion at WG3.

**Commented [太田 慎吾2]:** A new proposed text based on comments from Argentina and UK and discussion at WG3

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

(1) [provide a technical advisory forum to discuss issues and explore solutions for the conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources and advance the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries based on the best available science as well as ecosystem and precautionary approaches;]

**Commented [太田 慎吾3]:** A new proposed text based on comments from South Africa, Argentina and US

(2) [identify and discuss major issues and trends in global fisheries management and sustainable development, which require action, such as those related to development and management of small-scale fisheries, effects of climate change on fishery management and eradication of IUU fishing;]

**Commented [太田 慎吾4]:** A new proposed text based on comments from UK and discussion at WG3. "development" is added to delete paragraph (4).

(3) [recommend international action to address such issues and trends as well as fisheries development needs and, in this regard:

(i) to advise on preparing, facilitating and implementing actions identified;

(ii) to advise on promotion of information sharing on regional policies and technical measures on fisheries management, as appropriate;

(iii) to advise on the strengthening of international collaboration to assist FAO Members, in particular developing Members and small island developing states (SIDS) Members, in the implementation of such actions and FAO instruments in the domain of fisheries management;

(iv) to advise on possible cooperation with other relevant groups and international organizations, including Regional Fisheries Management Organizations, as appropriate, with a view to promoting and supporting best practices and avoiding discrepancy in policies and actions;]

**Commented [太田 慎吾5]:** A new proposed text based on comments from EU, Canada and Iran. The order of the sub-items is also changed based on the comment from UK.

~~[(4) advise on ways to promote responsible fisheries and sustainable development of small-scale fisheries and enhance global awareness, understanding and action as well as to promote dialogue and collaboration among all relevant stakeholders]~~

**Commented [太田 慎吾6]:** This sub-paragraph is a text based on the discussion at WG 3 as well as comments from Iran and Argentina. However, Chair agrees to UK on deletion of this entire para because: (i) "promotion of responsible fisheries" is covered by sub-paragraph (1); (ii) "sustainable development of small-scale fisheries" is covered by sub-paragraph (2) with the addition of "development"; (iii) "enhancement of global awareness, understanding and actions" can be achieved through implementing the other sub-paragraphs; and (iv) "promotion of dialogue and collaboration" is covered by sub-paragraph (3).

[(4) 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.<sup>1</sup>]

(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;

**Commented** [太田 慎吾7]: UK proposed to change the placement of the original (7) here for better flow. Chair agrees.

<sup>1</sup> 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.