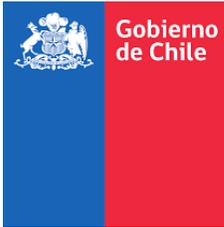


## **Comments of Chile to the document COFI/2020/Inf.16 (Item 17.1)**

### **Developments in fora of importance for the mandate of COFI**

1. The State of Chile thanks FAO for the preparation of this document, informing about the most relevant matters in other important forums within FAO, for the Committee on Fisheries.
2. Chile values all the work, commitment, and emphasis that FAO has given to the issues related to fisheries, aquaculture and ocean in general, it is therefore that our country attaches particular importance to these matters. Our country has one of the largest exclusive economic zones in the world, and thus it values all those initiatives that seek to eradicate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing as the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (PSMA Agreement).
3. We have recognized the importance of strengthening the audit and surveillance tools for illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing recognizing that this affects the sustainability of marine resources, threatens food security, harms those who comply with the sector regulation and generates large economic losses. It is therefore that our country is working to strengthen its national plan to combat illegal fishing, which will cover the entire supply chain, meaning that those activities that takes place at sea, in ports and on land in post-capture.
4. At present, the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture continues to alert us about the urgent need to protect fisheries in good condition and to recover those exploited in anon-sustainable ways. We must ensure sustainable and safe food for a large number of people and their descendants, as well as the activities and livelihood of many others. In this regard, the support expressed by the FAO Committee to continue developing the technical guidance is emphasised, in order to estimate the magnitude and the geographic scope of the illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, and the request that FAO continue developing a monitoring system of the implementation of the SSF Guidelines, with due attention to women and indigenous people , and in this sense, welcoming the celebration of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture in 2022.



5. This instance is of especial relevance to Chile, considering that 25% of the population is distributed in 100 coastal communities and we believe it will have a leading role in the post-COVID-19 economic recovery. Thus, work has been carried out in order to boost the diversification of the national aquaculture, and particularly small-scale aquaculture, with actions among which the law for the restocking and algae farming, and the development of aquaculture by artisanal fishermen organisations in management areas, among others. We recognise the value and necessary that the FAO standards establish for responsible knowledge, management and control of fisheries and aquaculture, and we must therefore continue working on their improvement and implementation.
6. Regarding the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean, our country appreciates the role that has been given to fisheries and aquaculture in achieving SDG 2, which seeks to end hunger and to achieve food security.

Valparaíso, Chile, January 2021.