

**PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC TO FAO,
IFAD AND WFP**

34th Session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries

ITEM 6

**Decisions and recommendations of the Seventeenth Session of the COFI
Sub-Committee on Fish Trade (Vigo, Spain, 25-29 November 2019)**

**CORRESPONDENCE PROCEDURE
INTERVENTION BY THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION**

Specific comments to the document COFI/2020/4:

1. About item III, sub-item "COVID-19 and the trade-related activities of FAO in the area of fisheries and aquaculture", Argentina acknowledges the work that FAO has deployed during 2020 in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. In this changing and uncertain framework, the support of the Organization has been a fundamental pillar to encourage the work in favor of diversification and innovation, adding value to agricultural production and contributing to the generation of employment, the improvements of opportunities to the rural population, and the achievement of food security and poverty eradication
3. In particular, we would like to emphasize the important role of FAO in assessing and responding to the possible implications of the virus on people's lives and livelihoods, the international trade of food, markets, food supply chains, and livestock.
4. All the information developed by FAO has been the core of decision-making processes at the national level. It has allowed the best policies to be adopted in order to overcome this challenging situation while continuing to boost agricultural development.
5. Argentina highlights that on page 3, paragraph 15, FAO is requested "to continue supporting the development and implementation by Members of National Plans of Action to combat IUU fishing (NPOAs-IUU). Argentina is committed to combating IUU fishing. To this end, Argentina adopted, through the Resolution of the Federal Fisheries Council n° 1/2008, the National Action Plan to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing" (NPOA-IUU), with the specific purpose to contributing to the implementation in our country of the internationally agreed measures to combat these practices.