

**Comments of Chile to the document COFI/2020/4
(Item 6)**

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

1. The effort by the Secretariat and the Committee to continue with this important work is appreciated, even when the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic has imposed new challenges for its advancement.
2. Chile endorses the report of the Seventeenth Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade.
3. Our country stresses the importance of a rule-based, open, non-discriminatory, and equitable trade in fisheries and aquaculture products.
4. Chile supports FAO to continue providing technical support in the context of the negotiations on fisheries subsidies, which is being carried out within the World Trade Organization framework.
5. Our country values the cooperation between FAO and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). It supports the FAO provided advice in this framework concerning commercially exploited aquatic species of interest to CITES, particularly the work of FAO Expert Advisory Panel in reviewing CITES listing proposals for inclusion of those species.

Valparaíso, Chile, January 2021.