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Comments from Mexico

Item 10

Developments in global and regional processes related to fisheries and aquaculture

Thank you, Mr. Chair, Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

The Government of Mexico appreciates the support of FAO for the creation and operation of the Latin America Expert Group convened to advise countries of the region about the complex issues that comprise the negotiation process of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond of national jurisdiction (ABNJ).

It is worth mentioning that the Expert Group has been essential to guide the action of fisheries authorities in their participation at national and regional levels, ensuring that competencies of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations have proven to be a fundamental tool in the global fisheries management.

For The above, the Government of Mexico reiterates its interest that this Expert Group continues actively, and we request FAO to continue supporting this.

On the other hand, our country would like to thank FAO for its technical support in various forums, such as INFOPECSA, COPPESAALC and WECAFC

In addition, we express our appreciation to FAO for the organization and successful result of the International Meeting on South-South and Triangular Cooperation within the Blue Growth Initiative in Latin America on 26 and 27 November 2019, in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, framework in which the formulation of a regional strategy to strengthen fisheries and aquaculture capacities of the countries of the region was agreed, throughout the South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

Likewise, we thank countries of the region for appointing Mexico as the Sport Fishing Working Group Coordinator, where the Sport Fishing Forum of Latin America will be held in Mexico. This, considering sport fishing as a wealth-generating alternative for small-scale and artisanal fishing.

Therefore, Mr. Chair, we request that the support of the expert group on ABNJ, the capacity strengthening in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, and the important continuity in the work of the Sport Fishing Working Group should be included in the conclusion section of this agenda.

Thank you for your attention.