

Comments from Mexico

Item 11

Addressing climate change and other environment-related matters in fisheries and aquaculture

- Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- Mexico considers that it is through collaboration and multilateral agreements that it will be possible to respond to the challenges that the international communities is facing to achieve conservation and the sustainable use of marine resources, while ensuring a healthy environmental as a key factor to eradicate poverty, promote prosperity and achieve welfare to all people.
- In this regard, in December 2020 the Government of Mexico updated its Determined Contribution at a national level presented in line with our legislation and in accordance with the decisions of the Paris Agreement. Thus, Mexico reaffirms its commitments made to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Changes and its interest to working collaboratively with the international community.
- In terms of oceans, the adaptation component of the integrated NDC of Mexico, for the first time, conservation actions and restoration of the sea and oceans. In particular, it highlights the integration of climate change criteria in the fair, equitable and comprehensive governance of oceans, the development of a Sustainable Ocean Plan for the Exclusive Economic Zone of the country and the consolidation of the Fisheries Shelters National System, incorporating climate change criteria in its design and implementation.
- Mr. Chair, Mexico is committed to gender equity in all productive sectors. Women and girls are strategic promoters of traditional and sustainable fisheries and aquaculture practices that contribute in a large way to reducing inequality and poverty gaps. It is therefore important to recognize their vulnerability to adverse climatic effects and risk it poses to their food security and nutrition.

- Finally, we reiterate the importance that fishery products have for global food security and the need to support fisheries to become more resilient in the face to observed climate change. As a result of the above, we join the call to move towards in the development of a technical guidance that gives the tools to achieve resilient fisheries in climate change

Thank you, Mr. Chair.