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4 Status, trends, emerging issues and innovative responses to ensure responsible and sustainable fisheries and aquaculture: Building back better

Thank you Chair,

We appreciate the continued work of FAO on the SOFIA report as the preeminent global account of the status of fisheries and aquaculture

The COFI Declaration on Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture is a valuable document in providing direction for our future work. We will in particular point to the importance of strengthening the scientific knowledge of marine ecosystems and the natural resources there. The Decade on Ocean Science for Sustainable Development will be an important arena for this. Also, we are very supportive of the continued emphasis on the contribution of seafood to global food security.

Thank you