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7 FAO's Contribution of Fisheries and Aquaculture towards achieving the 2030 Agenda

Thank you Chair,

- A healthy diet can be put together in several ways and include a variety of foods.
- However, we do know, that seafood contains important nutrients that are important in global nutrition. The absence of these nutrients in diets are causing malnutrition, and seafood can be part of the solution for a healthy diet.
- The Committee of World Food Security (CFS) has several recommendations in its Global Strategy in order to maintain and enhance the contribution of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture to food security and nutrition.
- Among these CFS invites FAO to make explicit reference to fish resources, fisheries and aquaculture as vital in combating hunger and securing nutritious food for everybody, in all relevant documents on agriculture, food security and nutrition.
- We welcome that this document to a great extent is referring to fisheries and aquaculture, together with the other land based food producing sectors.
- Actions should be based on knowledge, and knowledge shows that increased production and consumption of sustainable aquatic foods makes sense - both ecologically, economically, socially and nutritionally.
- We would like to emphasise the importance of FAOs INFOODS database, which provides access to high quality food composition data on different foods available, including aquatic foods. Such data are important to design food and nutrition policy at country level.
- We are now in the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016-2025) soon moving on to the Decade of Oceans Science (2021-2030). With only ten years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, this is also the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development. To deliver on food security, a holistic food chain approach is needed - from the healthy land, soil, oceans and inland waters - to the healthy people.
- We encourage FAO to keep up the work to ensure that marine food will be a clearly visible part of FAOs general work on food security and nutrition, and at the Food System Summit in 2021 and Nutrition for Growth Summit 2021.

Thank you