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Comments from Mexico

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Supporting small-scale and artisanal fisheries

Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

We reiterate that in Mexico fishermen from coastal communities contribute to the economy and society, creating jobs and eradicating hunger, and contributing to a high-quality diet. It is for this reason that we reiterate our wide recognition of small-scale and artisanal fisheries in all countries.

Moreover, we recognise the high value of the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (VGSSF) as an instrument to support the achievement of the SDGs.

On the other hand, the Government of Mexico gives its high recognition to the important study called “illuminating the hidden harvests: the contribution of small-scale fisheries to sustainable development”, which allows us to have a general outlook of the contribution of small-scale fisheries to sustainable development, and the most important is that it continues to update the key indicators in the future. There are definitely challenges, but also opportunities that allow us to transform small-scale fisheries for sustainable development.

In addition to my previous intervention in point 7 of the agenda, I would like to share with you that the Government’s objective of the 4th Transformation is that in 2024 the Mexican population will be living in an environment of wellbeing. For the welfare of fishermen, the new national policy is being built by the achievement of three objectives: Contribute to food security, Improve income and Guarantee sustainable use. In compliance with the Presidential mandates to address as a priority the less favoured populations and areas, and as a priority coastal fishermen and the South and Southeast Region are included.

Finally, we share that we are working on a public policy that aims to regenerate coastal-marine environment for food self-sufficiency and the welfare of coastal fishing communities, taking into consideration the criteria of: climate change vulnerability, marginalization degree and ecosystem priority.

Thank you very much for your attention.