

## NORWAY

### 9 Combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing

Thank you Chair,

If we want to succeed in the combat against IUU fishing we need to design our management regimes in a way that even those who are unwilling to comply with the management measures will be unable to do otherwise. The most cost efficient way to achieve compliance is to avoid that unwanted or illegal actions occur in the first place.

One way is to reduce the incentives for IUU Fishing by removing subsidies that gives adverse side effects on compliance. Norway encourage further work on this.

We also welcome efforts to increase the coverage of the Port State Measures Agreement and every effort made to strengthen the implementation and use of this agreement world wide. To achieve this we consider the FAO's Global Programme to support the implementation of the PSMA and complementary international instruments to combat IUU fishing as an important tool.

The Global Record should be further developed and the possibility to provide automatic updates from vessel registries should be prioritised.

We also support further work to introduce guidelines on the regulation, monitoring and control of transshipment operations. However, in these efforts increased focus should be given to more cost effective measures and possibilities provided by technology.

In general we think that remedies to combat IUU Fishing is to be found in technology. There are already a number of tools, however illegal fisheries evolves in the same rate as our management regime and therefore we constantly need to improve our efforts to reduce the room of opportunity for non compliance.

To achieve this we need a joint effort to adapt and implement technologies such as artificial intelligence to be used on board fishing vessels to collect data directly from the source, moving away from self-reporting and reducing the room of opportunity to misreport catches and landings.

Norway will in the years to come explore these possibilities and encourage the members of COFI to join in and share experience and knowledge on relevant technologies that can be introduced in the fishing industry to improve compliance.

Thank you