

COFI 34 – WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE PROCEDURE

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FAO MEMBER	Brazil
FAO SECRETARIAT REPLY	<p>The Secretariat acknowledges the endorsement by Brazil of the report of the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade.</p> <p>The Secretariat duly notes Brazil stressing the importance of the Sub-Committee's work towards the prominence of a transparent, rule-based, and harmonized trading system, without barriers, particularly considering the additional burdens posed to the fisheries and aquaculture sectors by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The Secretariat recognizes the Brazilian support to the work associated with legal and transparent international trade operations, particularly CDS.</p> <p>The Secretariat welcomes Brazil's position in highlighting the significance of having small-scale fishers participating in international trade, with positive interlinkages with food security, economic development, and sustainable use of the resources.</p> <p>The Secretariat values Brazil's support concerning the work developed on capacity building associated with fish statistics and NPOAs-IUU.</p> <p>The Secretariat appreciates Brazil's endorsement of the ongoing activities involving FAO's scientific advice to CODEX and the need of availability of funds to support this activity.</p> <p>The Secretariat duly notes the importance mentioned by Brazil to continue to provide technical assistance on fisheries issues associated with the framework of fisheries subsidies under the mandates of WTO and SDG 14.6.</p>

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