

## COFI 34 – WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE PROCEDURE

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<b>FAO MEMBER</b>	New Zealand
<b>FAO SECRETARIAT COMMENTS</b>	<p>The Secretariat appreciates the endorsement of the report of the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade by New Zealand.</p> <p>The Secretariat welcomes New Zealand's statement in accentuating the Sub-Committee's importance as the only global forum to discuss trade issues on fisheries and aquaculture and highlighting its importance during the COVID-19 pandemic due to major impacts on trade and supply chains.</p> <p>The Secretariat values New Zealand's recognition of the positive collaboration between FAO and other international organizations. It was duly noted the importance of the specific cooperation in connection with technical support to WTO and Members involving fisheries subsidies negotiations, and the support to inform scientific-based decisions to CITES in Appendices species listing.</p> <p>The Secretariat acknowledges the importance highlighted by New Zealand to continue the work on social responsibility based on previous COFI-FT recommendations.</p> <p>The Secretariat recognizes New Zealand's statement on the importance of the continuation in the provision of scientific advice to CODEX and the necessity of allocating FAO funds to this end.</p>