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The Philippines wishes to thank the Secretariat for the comprehensive presentation showing the clear integration of FAO's Strategic Framework with the Program of Work in Fisheries and Aquaculture and its relation to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Moreover, our delegation congratulates the Committee for the reported achievements in sustainable aquaculture, fisheries management, trade, and value chain development. Furthermore, the Philippines commends the Committee for proactively integrating fisheries and aquaculture sectors in various global summits, conferences, and emerging development frameworks.

Our delegation finds the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-2030 is supportive of the Philippine national plans and programs for its fishery sector. We also appreciate the serious emphasis given to innovation under the banner of the "Blue Transformation Roadmap." Moreover, our delegation appreciates the "The Four Betters" paradigm and its corresponding program priorities and clear outcome statements.

Given this clear framework and articulated envisioned outcomes, the Philippines is confident that Member Countries will have more fruitful engagements with the respective FAO Country and Regional Offices in the areas of fisheries and aquaculture. Thank you