

## **Item 5. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (COFI/2022/3)**

Mr. Chair,

Brazil would like to reiterate its appreciation for FAO's technical work on the indicators related to the monitoring of SDG14.

We believe that the positive contribution of the fisheries and aquaculture sector to the achievement of several SDGs should be kept in the foreground, as its sustained growth continues to support countries in the fight against poverty, hunger, and malnutrition.

We understand that the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries and Aquaculture (EAF) leads to the fulfillment of the SDGs, particularly SDGs 1, 2, 14 and 15, and constitutes a cornerstone for the achievement of fairer technological, environmental and socioeconomic solutions, which, in our case, respect the biodiversity and the traditional peoples of the different Brazilian continental marine environments.

Brazil also believes that it is particularly important to continue to encourage and enable the participation of countries in SDG monitoring by supporting and strengthening their national statistical capacity to generate and disseminate data.

In this regard, as we did in the previous COFI session, we once again seek clarification on the assertion made in document COFI/2022/3 that "non-traditional and unconventional information sources need to be explored". In particular, we recall that COFI has requested FAO to continue to assist members in strengthening their statistical capacity and delivery of data, which in turn depends on additional human and financial resources.

Finally, Brazil would like to take this opportunity to recall the importance of the Part VII Assistance Fund of the UN Fish Stocks Agreement and express our frustration with the fact that it is still not fully operational, despite continued calls for contributions.

Thank you.