

Item 7. Combatting Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing (COFI/2022/5, COFI/2022/INF/10)

Mr. Chair,

Brazil would like to support the proposed Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment; the revised Terms of Reference of the Joint FAO/ILO/IMO Ad Hoc Working Group; as well as the continuity of the work on technical guidelines on methodologies and indicators for the estimation of the magnitude and impact of IUU fishing.

We would also like to highlight the important milestone represented by the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies and to reiterate our commitment to becoming a Party to the Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA).

Furthermore, Brazil is seeking to participate in other international initiatives on IUU fishing. We have signed the 2021 Ministers' Declaration on Transnational Organized Crime in the Global Fishing Industry, known as the Copenhagen Declaration, and we have joined other members of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries to create the Cooperation Platform for the Promotion of Sustainable Fisheries and for the Prevention, Deterrence and Elimination of IUU Fishing. Additionally, in relation to FAO's work on the development of a global threat map for inland fisheries, Brazil is collaborating with neighboring countries so that a multi-level, ecosystem approach can ensure the sustainable management of migratory species in rivers in the Amazon basin.

Domestically, since COFI 34, Brazil has further updated and improved our institutional and legal frameworks as well as surveillance systems. We have established an inter-ministerial working group with 14 ministries to develop capacity and knowledge and exchange data among public institutions to address the complex causes of IUU fishing and IUU-related crimes in national and international waters. We have made progress in areas such as registration of fishers and vessels, satellite monitoring and catch records (CDS). Finally, the restructuring of our National Satellite Vessel Tracking Program (PREPS) has been upgraded with Brazil's adhesion to the Global Fishing Watch.

Thank you.