Canada’s intervention on Agenda Item 5

Advancing progress on the SDGs domestically and internationally is a Government of Canada priority.

We welcome in particular the WTO Agreement on fisheries subsidies, and we urge states to formally support the agreement and focus on implementation.

Harnessing good practices and innovative solutions will also be essential in the implementation of FAO’s new Strategy on Climate Change to enhance sustainable aquaculture, fisheries and water management to deliver on the Agenda 2030.

We also remain supportive of the FAO’s work on Blue Transformation as a mechanism to support developing States in the implementation of SDGs, while also strengthening their fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

Canada is committed to working with the FAO and its members to focus our collective efforts on eliminating overfishing, and on implementing science-based management plans, in order to restore fish stocks and achieve SDGs.