

Mr. Chairman

Iceland has always acknowledged that the SDGs are complementary and indivisible.

FAO has an important role in the implementation and monitoring the developments of SDG 14, but fisheries and aquaculture also play an important role in fulfillment of other SDG by contributing to food security and sustainable livelihoods for millions of people and sustainable management of living marine resources is the key to bringing this forward.

Iceland fully supports the continued efforts of FAO in this area.

Iceland welcomes the WTO agreement as a milestone in the fulfillment of SDG 14, and encourages its ratification and efficient implementation.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman