



INDONESIA'S INTERVENTION ON AGENDA 7 Combatting Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing

Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

1. Indonesia is the largest archipelagic state in the world with 108.000 km of coastline, 17.504 islands, 6.400.000 km² of territorial waters, and an exclusive economic zone of 3.000.000 km². Indonesia also has the largest mangrove area and the most diverse coral reefs in the world.
2. The illegal catch of fish is undermining national and regional efforts to conserve and manage fish stocks, and as a result, is hampering the progress to reach sustainable development goals and achieve long-term responsibility.
3. For Indonesia, IUU Fishing doesn't only mean illegal catching, but also the improper management of the

sea such as the lack of regulation and reporting. In order to ensure a legal, regulated, and reported management of the seas, Indonesia has implemented a quota-based captured fisheries policy on designated zone established by the government. The establishment of the captured fisheries zones will enable fishers to be the masters of their own territories.

4. This policy is designed for the benefit of the traditional fishers and for the larger fishing industry. Tradition fishers will receive a catch quota of 35%, while the fishing industry will be present to ensure a harmonious symbiotic-mutualist relationship with the traditional fishers.
5. The implementation of the programs of the quota-based captured fisheries policy are all monitored using satellite-based technologies and through monitoring vessels that are connected digitally, hence Indonesia's seas will be better monitored.

6. In line with efforts to eradicate IUU Fishing, Indonesia is also implementing strict steps that gives no tolerance towards IUU Fishing such as:

- a. The ratification of the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA).
- b. Indonesia will host the 4th Meeting of the Parties to the PSMA on 8th -12th of May, 2023. We hope that this meeting will be an important milestone that reviews the implementation of the PSMA and the progress made towards achieving its goals, as well as to discuss the proses of surveillance and review. Hence, Indonesia would like to invite all other member states to attend this important event, and we encourage member states to show their commitments in combatting IUU Fishing by ratifying this agreement.

7. At bilateral and multilateral levels, Indonesia is also actively strengthening efforts to eradicate IUU Fishing with many other countries and entities through forums

such as the Indonesia-Africa Maritime Dialogue, Our Ocean Conference, APEC, ASEAN, SEAFDEC, and RPOA-IUU.

Thank you.