

## **Japan's statement**

### **Agenda Item 4:**

#### **State of world fisheries and aquaculture and progress in the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and related instruments (for information and discussion)**

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

As environmental and geopolitical uncertainties are increasing, sustainable use of fisheries resources throughout the value chain is getting more and more important. In this context, I would like to congratulate FAO for the timely launch of the SOFIA 2022 report which features the Blue Transformation. Materialization of the concept of the “Blue Transformation” is essential to ensure long-term food security.

Japan is also transforming its fisheries and aquaculture. In recent year, Japan introduced a strengthened MSY-based resource management system by the amended Fisheries Act in order to realize more sustainable use of fish resources based on science.

With regard to aquaculture, Japan adopted a new strategic policy for sustainable development of the sector and has been implementing it since 2020.

In addition, in order to ensure proper distribution of fishery products, Japan established a new law to be enacted in coming December. For implementation of the import regulation, which is one of two pillars of the new law, cooperation from relevant countries is essential, and Japan deeply appreciates cooperation for the preparation process underway.

Japan will continue to make its utmost efforts towards sustainable fisheries and aquaculture.

Lastly, Japan joins the countries that supports Blue Food Coalition, as we believe it will help enhance awareness for fisheries and aquaculture's contribution to sustainable development.

Thank you.