

**PHILIPPINE INTERVENTION**  
**Agenda Item 7**  
***Combatting Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing***  
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Our delegation wishes to thank the Secretariat for the update and reference document on combatting IUU fishing.

We are pleased to inform that the Philippines, through the Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, has issued the implementing regulations of the Port State Measures Agreement: Fisheries Administrative Order No. 267, series of 2021 titled, “Rules and Regulations Governing the Landing and Transshipping of Fish and Fishery Products that Have not been Previously Landed, and other Port Services in the Philippines in Foreign-flagged Fishing Vessels.”

Our delegation would like to express deep appreciation for the technical assistance extended by the FAO to the Philippines by capacitating fishing regulations officers in the Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) and in the implementation of port state measures. A Virtual Capacity Building Workshop was held on April 2021 organized by the FAO. Further technical assistance were extended through virtual coordination and technical meetings from 2020 to 2022 which provided guidance in addressing policy and implementation concerns.

The newly concluded FAO Mission to the Philippines from 15 to 24 August 2022 highlights your serious commitment to provide assistance to the Philippines. This further motivates us to sustain our efforts to cooperate with partners and coastal states.

The Philippines remains committed in implementing measures in combatting IUU fishing, likewise, we firmly believe that the application of appropriate fishery management guidelines, tools and measures will pave the way to ocean transparency, accountability, and productivity.

Finally, the Philippines expresses the need for sustained engagement with the FAO to provide the platform for cooperation among partners and other coastal states for a coordinated effort to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing.

Thank you.

