

BRAZIL INTERVENTION ON ITEM 3 “ADDRESSING ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED FISHING IN THE CONTEXT OF EFFECTIVE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT”

Thank you, Chair,

First of all, let me congratulate on your recent election to preside over our deliberations at the first session of the Subcommittee on Fisheries Management. The Brazilian delegation would like to convey all the success in your mission.

2. Regarding the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, Brazil would like to highlight that the Brazilian government has been committed to ensuring the legality of professional fishing in its territory, through registration campaigns, as well as the strengthening of the current tools for monitoring and controlling fishing activity.

3. Regarding monitoring activities, we would like to highlight the importance of the implementation of the Digital Logbook System (Mapa de Bordo digital), replacing the previous physical format. This tool will make it possible to digitally receive the official documents that declare the information on the fishing carried out by a fishing vessel. In addition, it should be noted that adjustments have been made to the National Satellite Vessel Tracking Program (PREPS), including discussions on the revision of measures, criteria, procedures and sanctions in order to improve the quality and speed of monitoring. These measures aim to promote legal and sustainable fishing in Brazil.

4. Additionally, in Brazil, national multistakeholders forums on fisheries have contributed to develop, revise, and enhance compliance and enforcement of several management measures and regulations. In this context, we would like to highlight the importance of social participation to address unreported and unregulated components of IUU fishing.

5. To improve the fight against IUU fishing, Brazil stress the need to promote South-South cooperation focused on marine and inland ecosystems, specially transboundary fisheries and resources. This cooperation should foster the development of regional approaches to combat IUU fishing, taking into account the 3 dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. We also praise FAO to elaborate technical guidelines to help members in their efforts to fight IUU fishing.

Thank you