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Item 5 – Climate resilient fisheries

Statement by Brazil

Mr. Chair,

Initially, Brazil would like to express its gratitude for FAO's work in preparing the supporting document for this agenda item and for the presentation given by Mrs. Bahri.

Considering the content provided, it is important to highlight the progress made by FAO in response to the requests and recommendations of COFI 35, with regard to the challenges of climate change in fisheries management. We highlight, in particular, the efforts in formulating plans and guidelines to guide members in mitigating the effects of climate change on fishing activities.

In Brazil, problems caused by drought and floods are historically common. In recent years, however, especially in 2023, the fishing sector faced significant challenges due to extreme weather events in several regions of the country. In the Amazon basin, the extreme drought had negative impacts on fishing activity, while in the south part of the country floods damaged the production of the main artisanal fishing resources. These extreme conditions made fishing in those regions unfeasible, compromising the entire production chain.

This scenario represents a significant challenge for Brazil, which has led to in-depth discussions on the adoption of new public policies, as well as enforced the need for adaptation and measures to mitigate the impacts of climate change and to guarantee food security and the income of affected professionals and communities.

Taking into account the complexity of this issue, Brazil would like to ask FAO to continue to support projects that provide additional data and information on the impacts of climate change for member countries. Furthermore, we stress the need to mobilize resources and to provide support and technical capacity building to members, in order to ensure that all countries have the necessary means to implement effective solutions to

mitigate climate change. Therefore, fishing should be included as one of the priority areas to access resources from the Loss and Damage Fund.

Thank you.