

# FISHERFOLKS CONSTITUENCY INPUT STATEMENT

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Thank you Mr, Chair

To examine the goal number 14 of conserve and sustainable use the ocean, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, the fisherfolks constituency emphasizes the importance of fisherfolks contribution in small scale fisheries and aquaculture to sustain food security and nutrition.

Issues of imbalances of power in the food system and throughout the fishery value chain system are not clearly addressed. Like wise, capture fisheries, both inland and marine face increasing competition for aquatic and terrestrial spaces by corporation that are supported by the financial regime, technologies and cartel.

We call the member states in the Asia Pacific Region to recognize the important roles of small scale fishery workers through the value chain; **intervining efforts to empower fisherfolks economically as well as socially** also addressed the gender inequality to enhance the role of women as the important drivers in fishery value chain. We also call for Non destructive fishing practices, Respect marine biodiversity and Sustainable and justice oceans utilization

We believe that you will consider the recommendations from the fisherfolks constituency's which can bring much change in the fisherfolks livelihood and sustainability.

Thank You