

## **Statement by Viet Nam**

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### **Session 9 – Promoting the role of sustainable ocean-based food in ending poverty and ensuring food security**

Mr. Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

The ocean provides essential food for over 3 billion people worldwide. Fisheries are vital not only to global food security but also to the livelihoods of hundreds of millions of workers, particularly in developing coastal countries like Viet Nam.

Viet Nam is one of the world's leading producers and exporters of seafood. Our fisheries sector provides employment for over 4 million people directly and millions more indirectly. Aquatic products account for more than 20% of the animal protein in the Vietnamese diet and play a crucial role in poverty eradication and improved nutrition.

Facing challenges from climate change, marine pollution, and fish stocks degradation, Viet Nam is accelerating the transition to responsible, sustainable fisheries, with three key pillars:

#### **1. Rational exploitation and conservation:**

- Enforcing fishing quotas, seasonal and area closures;
- Enhancing monitoring, control and surveillance system and implementing electronic traceability to eliminate IUU fishing;

#### **2. Sustainable marine aquaculture:**

- Applying low-emission, climate-resilient technologies;
- Developing green, clean, and safe seafood value chains;

#### **3. Supporting vulnerable and marginalized groups:**

- Promoting sustainable livelihoods, fisheries insurance, and livelihood transition;
- Prioritizing women, poor fishers, and remote coastal communities.

We call on the international community to:

- Invest in innovation and processing of ocean-based food;
- Support fair and ecological fisheries transformation;
- Enhance global coordination in marine resource governance, ensuring fair access to ocean-based food.

Viet Nam is committed to being an active partner for a healthy ocean and a hunger-free world.

Thank you very much.