

Resolution on Non-Agricultural Market Access of WTO

We participants in the ICFO Plenary Meeting held at Raffles City Convention Centre in Singapore on 16 October, 2007,

Recognizing that small scale fisheries provide more than half of the world's supply of food from the sea and freshwater, and thus contribute to food security,

Recognizing most fishers in the world are small-scale fishers,

Recognizing that there is necessity to support small scale fishers of both fish exporting and fish importing countries, and for this purpose, there is necessity to ensure sustainability of these fisheries,

Recognizing that one of the ways with which to attain that purpose is through the establishment of fair WTO trade rules on fishery products,

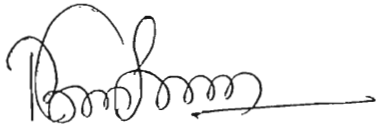
Noting that small scale fisheries and aquaculture need to be protected from the standpoint of multiple roles and functions,

Resolved as follows:

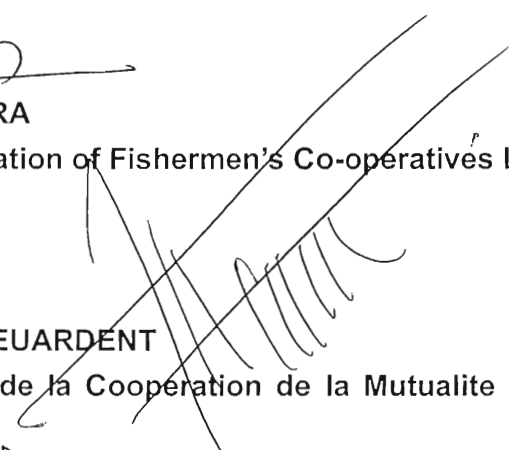
1. that the importance of sustainability of fisheries, and among others, of small scale fisheries, should be duly taken into consideration in the WTO trade rules to be established, and for this purpose, each country should be allowed to have the right to maintain reasonable levels of tariffs and non-tariff measures. Further, each government should be allowed to use safeguard measures as appropriate
2. that fisheries subsidies should be allowed as long as they do not distort trade
3. that such aspects as environmental conservation, hygienic conditions and safety of food should be given due consideration in the WTO rules, and for this purpose, appropriate labeling measures should be introduced



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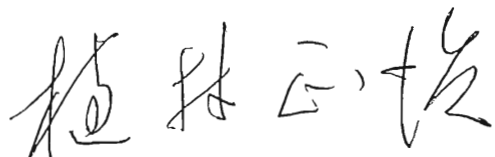
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4. that WTO rules on fishery products should be made as such that would contribute to the improvement of socio-economic status of small scale fishers.

Signed on this 16th day of October, 2007
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