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Statement of support to the Shanghai Declaration

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening.

Fish and other aquatic foods present an opportunity for more sustainable diets. Promoting aquatic foods is critical for humans to feed their increasing population in the future. Despite contributing to healthy diets for billions of people, aquatic foods are often undervalued. We support Shanghai Declaration and would like to emphasize aquaculture's importance and great potential to increase in the future to meet the needs of an increasingly populous and affluent world.

The Asian Fisheries Society (AFS) is a non-profit scientific society founded in 1984 by fishery professionals in Asia. The society aims at promoting networking and co-operation between scientists, technicians and all stakeholders involved in fisheries (including aquaculture) production, and research and development in Asia. Its ultimate objective is to enhance food security and income-generating opportunities for fisheries workers via sound management practices, environmentally sustainable development and efficient utilization of the aquatic resources. Our goals include linking fisheries scientists, developing young scientists, promoting global cooperation, encouraging network formation, disseminating information, and addressing fisheries issues.

We are pleased to see the Shanghai Declaration calls upon participants for sustainable development of aquaculture, which we find great alignment with the vision of AFS. AFS works intensively to promote effective interaction and cooperation among scientists and technicians involved in fisheries and aquaculture research and development in Asia with a view to encouraging and facilitating research activity complementation, sharing of information and publication of research results; and to create and propagate awareness of the importance and ways of sustainable utilization, cultivation, conservation and development of aquatic resources in the region; and to promote the establishment of sections and local branches of the Society and national fisheries societies and to seek affiliation and cooperation with societies, organizations and institutions having similar objectives.



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AFS fully supports the Call for Action of the "Shanghai Declaration" on promoting the sustainable development of aquaculture, and looks forward to working with industry players, national, regional, and international organizations in areas of mutual interest to promote the high-quality development of the aquaculture sector.

Thank you.

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