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Topic: Combating Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated Fishing (IUU)

The Committee,

Alarmed by the prevalence of unregulated fishing,

Fully aware of the negative effects of overfishing,

Noting with deep concern the amount of damage IUU fishing has done to the oceans,

Keeping in mind some countries do not have the resources to fight IUU fishing,

Acknowledges that the situation in the Lake Chad region between the countries harms residents’ abilities to combat IUU fishing,

Alarmed by the damage that illegal fishing has done to the ocean ecosystem and endangered species,

Aware that fishing vessels have the ability to illegally re-register under different flags to escape the law and gain money without being noticed,

1. Suggests countries check fishing vessels at ports to protect against IUU fishing;

2. Encourages that people that work at ports and checkpoints have a special training that will help them identify illegal ships;
3. Expresses its hope of informing others with the goal of educating and bringing awareness to IUU fishing;

4. Calls for a summit with Chad, Cameroon, Niger, and Nigeria to discuss terrorism in the Lake Chad region when it pertains to IUU fishing;

5. Calls for a security council meeting to discuss sanctions placed on countries that are not actively working to address IUU fishing;

6. Further requests that countries rebuild their fish stocks using aid from the UN;

7. Recommends countries to prohibit fishing in areas with damage to fish stocks;

8. Further requests to keep previous agreements such as the Port State Measure Agreement;

9. Encourages countries to work with NGOs towards the eradication of IUU fishing.