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Press Release

India and Italy collaboration in the Fisheries Sector

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The Embassy of India, Rome organized a high level virtual meeting on collaboration in the fisheries sector involving government officials as well as representatives of the major stakeholders in this sector from India and Italy. The objective of the meeting was to explore opportunities to boost cooperation in a sector which is of prime importance to both countries.

2. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Ambassador Dr. Neena Malhotra. Participants to the meeting included, from the Italian side, Mr Mario Vattani, Minister (Directorate General of Global Affairs), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MOFA), Italy and Mr. Giuseppe Palma, Secretary General from ASSOITTICA Italia (National Association of Seafood Companies) and Ms. Ilaria Ercole, Legal Expert. ASSOITTICA is an association of more than 100 Italian marine food products importing companies. From India, the high level participants included Mr. Diwakar Nath Mishra, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India, Dr. J Balaji, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India; Mr K S. Srinivas, Chairman, The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA); Dr C. Suvarna, Chief Executive Officer of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB); Mr D Ramraj, President, All India Shrimp Hatcheries Association (AISHA); Mr Jagdish Fofandi, President, and Mr Elias Sait, General Secretary of the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI).

3. In an interactive session the two sides discussed all aspects of the fisheries sector including Species Diversification, Buyers – Sellers Meets (including virtual), EU Regulations & Requirements, Transfer of Technology & Know How, Possibilities of establishing a Framework Agreement to streamline exports in the fisheries sector and to establish a Supply Chain Mechanism between the both countries.

4. The meeting lasted for about 90 minutes and was fruitful.