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### REPLY TO THE QUESTION<sup>1</sup> POSED BY CANADA REGARDING THE NEW AND FULL NOTIFICATION OF BRAZIL<sup>2</sup>

The following communication, dated and received on 25 March 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Brazil.

#### Question

**Program 3.2 (*Programme for Vessel Fleet Enlargement and Modernization*) specifies that support can be provided to eligible recipients to "enhance the ocean fishing fleet."**

**Could Brazil elaborate on the types of construction, acquisition and improvements that would constitute enhancing the ocean fishing fleet for the purposes of this program?**

#### Reply:

PROFROTA Pesqueira has not been in operation since 2015. The programme was conceived to support the development of the Brazilian fishing sector by providing resources for the acquisition, building, conversion, modernization, replacement, repair, adaptation and equipping of fishing vessels. The programme seeks to help reducing fishing pressure on overfished stocks, increasing the efficiency and sustainability of the coastal and continental fishing fleet, promoting maximum use of fishing captures and increasing national fishing production. It was also conceived to promote better uses of fish stocks in the Brazilian Exclusive Economic Zone, with a view to improving the quality of fish produced in Brazil, reducing incidental captures of threatened species, improving working conditions on board and reducing disposal of waste and substances that are harmful to the environment.

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<sup>1</sup> [G/SCM/Q2/BRA/57](#)

<sup>2</sup> [G/SCM/N/401/BRA](#)