

Reject the WTO Agreement to Continue to Subsidise Overfishing & Destructive Fishing by Large Scale Mechanised Sector At the Cost of Sustainable Small Scale Fisheries

The National Platform for Small Scale Fish Workers (NPSSFW) rejects the final agreement on fisheries subsidies reached in the WTO Ministerial Negotiations at Geneva from 12th to 15th June 2022 for the following reasons –

- 1. The Agreement allows the developed countries with large industrial fishing fleet to continue to subsidise the plunder of the marine fish resources without considering the nature of the fleet or fishing capacity;
- 2. The Agreement allows the developing countries like India to continue to subsidise their large scale fishing sectors even if they indulge in unregulated and unsustainable fishing;
- **3.** The Agreement provides no preferential or favourable treatment regarding subsidies for the small scale sustainable fisheries.

This is an agreement between the plunderers of the marine fish resources at the cost of the livelihood of small scale fishers. Small scale fishing communities of the world unite to fight the WTO.

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