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Thank you for any comments.

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We met today with CAPE (Coalition for Fair Fisheries Arrangements) and Europeche (EU fishing industry) to debrief the state of play of the fisheries subsidies negotiation in the WTO. Besides question on process in the run up to the WTO Ministerial Conference of 12-15 June, both organisations had some specific concerns:

- As usual, Europeche underlined the importance of fuel tax relief provisions;
- In this sense, CAPE (which has close relations with some ACP countries) noted the importance of fuel subsidies for the ACP;
- Europeche was also interested in China’s alternative text for Art 5.2 (prohibition of subsidies for fishing in the high seas outside RFMOs);
- Both were interested on provisions regarding access agreements and its interaction with the fisheries management condition. Europeche also asked about private agreements;
- CAPE noted the inconsistency of ACP countries opposing transparency provisions in Art 8.6 with the recent OACPS (Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States) Ministerial statement in which they underline the importance of transparency;
- CAPE warned against the artisanal fishing exemption in Art 5.4(ii), claiming there are also large industrial vessels from third countries fishing within the 12 miles, which is detrimental to sustainability and to the local artisanal fishers.