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To the GFCM Executive Secretary
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Dear Executive Secretary,

I would like to thank you for having invited MEDAC at the GFCM "WG on amendment of GFCM legal framework" that will be held in Istanbul this week, but unfortunately, due to budget constraints, the MEDAC will not be able to attend it.

Since the launch of the GFCM Performance Review process, as you thoroughly illustrated during MEDAC General Assembly in 2012, a lot of work has been already done. Before the finalization of the Legal Framework reform process, the MEDAC would like to give its humble contribution especially in relation to the GFCM Draft Agreement.

We really think that the GFCM is doing a hard work in order to review and modernise its structure and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the GFCM.

The signature of the MoU between the MEDAC and GFCM has been an important tool to strengthen our mutual collaboration and cooperation. However, to some extent, it would be a great achievement if the consultation with stakeholders and observers could be facilitated and formalized into the GFCM Draft Agreement itself.

We look forward to receiving your reply and we wish to take this opportunity to renew the assurance of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Giampaolo Buonfiglio

