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Subject: Long-term management plan

Dear Mr Buonfiglio,

I would like to thank you and the Mediterranean Advisory Council (MEDAC) for your engagement and fruitful cooperation that has been achieved in the process of preparation of discard plan concerning small pelagic species in the North Adriatic Sea (GSA-17).

We support the continuation of this kind of cooperation in future as well, in line with the provisions of the new Common Fisheries Policy as it entered into force with the Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Fisheries Policy.

We support the idea to ask the MEDAC to organise a focus working group regarding development of elements for a possible long-term management plan for sardine and anchovy in the GSA 17 – Northern Adriatic.

Also in relation to the MEDAC meeting in Split, Croatia, it would be useful if the MEDAC could submit the relevant elements of your reflections regarding conservation and sustainable management of sardine and anchovy in the GSA-17 (Northern Adriatic) to the Member States concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Jošt Jakša Director-General