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Subject: Opinion of the MEDRAC on the reform of the Common Market Organisation (CMO) - Production and marketing plans

Dear Ms Caggiano,

Thank you for your correspondences of 27 March and 2 April 2012 expressing the opinions of the MEDRAC on the reform of the CMO. We take good note of your general support of the elements of the reform proposal, in particular the provisions related to production and marketing plans. This will be the most important instrument at the disposal of Producer Organisations (POs) to steer and adjust members' production to market demand and requirements.

Concerning your recommendation to modify the list of products in Annex II, the Commission proposal covers all products currently benefiting from intervention under Regulation No 104/2000. The proposed storage aid is a transitional measure intended to ensure a smooth adaptation of POs from the current CMO based on intervention to a new system focused on planning and managing of activities. In this context, the Commission considers that any extension of eligible species for storage is not justified.

As you are aware, the Commission's proposals for the reform are now with the European Parliament and the Council. Both institutions are examining them and the Commission is actively engaged in this process.

I would like to thank you once more for your continued interest on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy.

Yours sincerely,

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