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Jose Miguel Corvinos Lafuente
Director General of Fishery
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Dear Mr Corvinos Lafuente,

I wish to thank you first of all for sending the letter of 20th January 2017, in which you ask the MEDAC to continue collaborating with the PESCAMED group, focusing on the landing obligation for all demersal species that will enter into force on 1st January 2019, so as to coordinate the work to be carried out harmoniously and efficiently.

As you are aware, the MEDAC has a work programme for 2017, which I enclose for your convenience, it has been agreed with the EC and approved by the ExCom members.

The first meetings of 2017 will be held on 21st and 22nd February and will address the issues surrounding the proposed regulation on technical measures and the Focus Group on the Western Mediterranean. These meetings will aim move forward in the identification of useful elements for preparation of a multi-annual management plan for shared stocks and to receive an update from the French and Spanish fishery sectors on the agreement for the preparation of a management plan for demersal species in the Gulf of Lion. In addition, elections will be held for the Presidency and the composition of the ExCom.

According to the MEDAC work programme, the dossier on the Landing Obligation for demersal species will be addressed on 27th March, before the Ministerial Conference in Malta.

In light of the above, it will not be possible to issue a MEDAC contribution in relation to the demersal species identified in Annex III of the Mediterranean Regulation and to the fishing vessels involved by the date proposed. However, as you are aware, the dossier on the Landing Obligation is one of our highest priorities and we will continue work on this with the active and effective cooperation of all the MEDAC members and with the Directorates General of the Member States.

Lastly, I wish to thank you for inviting me to the first technical meeting to be held in Madrid in early March, I hereby confirm that I shall attend.

Yours sincerely,

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