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Dear Mr Buonfiglio,

I wish to thank the MEDAC for its opinion on the Proposal of the Commission concerning the revision of the EU fisheries control system and for its interest in these issues.

We have examined the detailed opinions gathered in the document annexed and the summary presented in the form of charts.

Such a detailed analysis of the MEDAC members' positions article by article certainly helps to better appreciate the different views and motivations of each member. We are aware that such an approach entailed a considerable workload for the MEDAC members in providing specific comments and for the secretariat in compiling the different positions.

The Opinion delivered is also a clear indication that, with the exception of few provisions, the positions of MEDAC members often diverged on key amendments proposed by the Commission and that it was considered that it was not possible to reach a consensus on those issues by adopting a more convergent Opinion.

I also note the desire you expressed to ensure a standardised implementation of the new rules in the Mediterranean basin, keeping in mind the specificities of certain fisheries.

Last but not least, I welcome your statement as regards the need to ensure compliance requirements for the small-scale fleet in line with the CFP objectives. In this regard, you

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advise about possible financial and/or administrative burdens for the sector. We share your views and in this regard, I would like to bring to your attention the Commission's proposal for a new EMFF, which provides for a full derogation for the purchase and installation of catch reporting and tracking devices on small-scale vessels, at an intensity aid rate of 100%.

I thank you very much for your valuable contribution and I am convinced that the opinion and the annexes will contribute in a positive way to the discussions that are ongoing in the Council and in the European Parliament. I invite you to take contact with Ms Pascale Colson, coordinator of the ACs (Pascale.Colson@ec.europa.eu; +32 2 29 56273), should you have any question on this reply.

Yours sincerely,



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