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Dear Chairs,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 21 November 2024 (Ares(2024)9197474) following my appointment as European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans. It is an honour to take on this role, and I deeply appreciate your warm congratulations and support for the important work that lies ahead. As primary stakeholders of the Common Fisheries Policy, I was extremely happy to meet all of you in Brussels on 3 December 2024, on the very first days of my mandate.

I welcome your acknowledgment of the priorities I outlined during my hearing in the European Parliament, including securing EU food sovereignty, leading global efforts to restore the health of the world's ocean and supporting coastal communities. I am committed to fostering an open and constructive dialogue with all stakeholders, as your insights and expertise are invaluable to achieving these objectives.

Dialogue with stakeholders through Advisory Councils has proven to be essential for achieving the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation. I would like to assure you that I will continue, together with my team and all DG MARE colleagues, to closely work with all of you.

Yours sincerely,



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