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Advisory Council for the
Mediterranean Sea
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Subject: **Applications for membership - approval by the Member States**

Dear Mr Buonfiglio,

We have been informed that there are important delays in the approval of new applications for membership to the Mediterranean Advisory Council by the Member States concerned. As a result, several interested stakeholders are unable to participate to your work and thus get involved in the consultation and decision making process.

To tackle this issue and thus enable all interested stakeholders to get involved in the work of the Advisory Councils as soon as possible, a common good practice followed by the other Advisory Councils is to set a specific deadline for Member States to reply and explicitly stipulate that without reaction from Member States within this deadline, it will be concluded that they tacitly agree to the application(s) for membership.

Our legal analysis of the relevant provisions of the CFP is that they do not preclude tacit agreement from Member States.

Therefore, may I kindly ask you to send reminder letters to the Member State(s) concerned setting a specific deadline after which tacit agreement will be concluded?

Many thanks and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Unit

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