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Dear Mr Buonfiglio,

Thank you for your participation to the recent seminar on the state of fish stocks organised by the European Commission. On that occasion, you expressed your concern for the situation in the Mediterranean, which you now reiterate in your letter.

Like you, I am convinced that we must urgently react to the poor state of the stocks and that the Mediterranean deserves an exceptional effort to revert the trend. As scientists stressed during the seminar, recovering potential of Mediterranean stocks is still very high. We therefore need to focus on improvement of the scientific knowledge and on swift interventions in the management strategies. I am determined to engage constructively with all the stakeholders in this process and to act accordingly.

I would also like to thank you for your personal support as a chairman of the MEDAC to the preparation of the latest Commission's initiatives in the field of the implementation of the CFP reform. I welcome your suggestion that the MEDAC should continue to act as a catalyst for the regionalisation process in the Mediterranean and to play a key role in the preparation of the forthcoming management plans

I look forward to further discussions with you on these issues in the near future and to that end, I suggest that you remain in close contact with my services to define the next steps.

Yours sincerely,

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