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Dear Andrew Mathison,

Thank you for giving the MEDAC the possibility to send comments to the Proposal for a Delegated Regulation on amending Regulation (EU) 508/2014 as regards the indicative distribution of funds among the objectives set out in Articles 82 and 85.
First of all, it has been impossible to comply with the very short deadline (10 days) considering that this time period encompassed national holidays in all relevant countries.

In this context, we would like to raise the possibility to reiterate our position referring to the funding of the Advisory Councils, clearly stated in the recent letter sent to the DG MARE, asking for additional funding for interpretation and translation costs that should be accounted separately in the annual budget of those Advisory Councils that have to deal with more than 3 working languages.

The MEDAC is concerned with the proposed cuts to the control and enforcement budget and believes that this approach will not deliver positive results on the management of fisheries in the Mediterranean. IUU fishing and the implementation of the landing obligation among others, are issues that will need to be addressed in the region with joint efforts, including monitoring and control.

Furthermore the MEDAC deems appropriate to invest in scientific advice and knowledge as this area is crucial for the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy and robust Multi Annual Plans for the region.

Kind regards,

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