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Dear President Buonfiglio,

the first PESCAMED meeting, held in Rome on April 7, was attended by the Directors-general of France, Italy and Spain; the MEDAC Executive Secretary was invited.

The meeting identified the target species characterizing the fisheries in the Western Mediterranean Sea as a starting point for a discards joint management plan.

At the same time each Member State announced the intention to adopt management measures that may affect the selectivity of the gears, the space-time closures of sensitive maritime areas for certain fish stocks, the reduction of mortality and fishing effort.

Taking into account the results of scientific advices and reports, as well as the direct knowledge of national managers and administrators, the High Level Group (HLG) finally identified hake and red mullet as the target species which define the fisheries in the area.

In this regard, we kindly ask you to collaborate, as already requested with our letter sent on March 30 ref.6112, with the three Administrations in order to carry out a fisheries discards and management plan in the Western Mediterranean Sea, in relation to the landing obligations for demersal species entering into force starting from January 1, 2017, as well as the identification of possible exemptions according to Reg. (UE) 1380/13.

Best regards,

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