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Dear Mr Buonfiglio,

With reference to the obligations under Regulation (EU) 1380/2013 of the EP and the Council on the CFP, in particular in accordance with Article 15 referring to the landing obligation, all Advisory Councils, including the MEDAC, saw their role confirmed and strengthened in the reformed CFP and remain the only forum for stakeholders at European level.

Moreover, according to Articles 9 and 10 of this Regulation, referring to management plans for shared stocks, these long-term management plans should be developed taking into account the provisions of Article 18 on regionalization in order to contribute to the stocks' sustainable exploitation and the protection of the marine ecosystems.

Following the fruitful cooperation with MEDAC, already demonstrated in the preparation of the advice for a joint recommendation on discards management plan for small pelagic, we kindly ask the MEDAC to collaborate with the Italian Administration in the preparation of a joint recommendation on discards management plan for some species, shared between Malta and Italy that are to be found in the Strait of Sicily (GSA16).

Following the publication in the Official Journal of the "Omnibus" Regulation (COM. 889/2013), the same procedure adopted for the discard management plan for small pelagic species can be adopted. In this framework, the contribution of the MEDAC will once again be of valuable support in drafting the proposal that the Maltese administration needs to submit.

Looking forward to your prompt reply and our future collaboration.

Thanks and regards,

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