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Dear President Buonfiglio,

the first SUDESTMED meeting, held in Bruxelles on April 26, was attended by the Directors-general of Greece, Italy and Cyprus, Malta not present; the MEDAC Executive Secretary was invited.

The meeting identified the target species characterizing the fisheries in the Southeastern 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) identified that rose shrimp, red mullet and hake in the Ionian Sea, are the target species which define fisheries in the area; the Maltese administration has been informed and agrees with this proposal.

In this regard, we kindly ask you to collaborate, as already requested with our letter sent on March 30 ref.6112, with the four Administrations in order to carry out a fisheries discards and management plan in the, Southeastern 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. (EU) 1380/2013.

Best regards,

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