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Dear Ms Veits,

The MEDAC started from the beginning the collaboration with both MS and DG MARE in finding adaptive solutions through the JRs, and this process contributed to the draft of the last Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/04 of 29 August 2019.

Moreover, please find attached the letter sent by MEDAC on 24 October 2018 (Ref. 262/2018) to the MS and to the General Director of DG MARE on the entry into force of the landing obligation for all species, where the reasons of the Mediterranean constraints and difficulties related to the LO implementation has been provided.

Furthermore, as confirmed by *Consideranda* 16 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/4, STECF concluded that "*due to the small quantities and the very large number of landing places [...], the evidence indicated that the collection costs would be disproportionate*" then "*in light of the above, it is appropriate to apply the de minimis exemptions [...] until 31 December 2021*".

The section of the questionnaire relevant for MEDAC is mainly related to the socio-economic aspects. Therefore, acknowledging the important results of the multiannual collaboration, the

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MEDAC cannot fulfill the questionnaire of the annual report on the implementation of the landing obligation 2019, because the exemptions recognized by now avoided the strong socio-economic impact of the measure.

Yours sincerely,

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