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Subject: **Clarification on the participation of organisations representing employed fishermen in the Advisory Councils**

Dear Ms Caggiano,

As a result of several questions submitted to the Commission on the participation of employed fishermen in the Advisory Councils, I would like to confirm that article 2(2) of the delegated regulation (EU) 2015/242 of 9 October 2014 laying down detailed rules on the functioning of the Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy (OJ L41 of 17.02.2015, p. 1) includes organisations representing employed fishermen. These fishermen's unions have therefore the right to participate in the Advisory Council and must be counted among the "sector organisations".

I hope this clarifies the issue, but should you have any further questions, please contact Ms Evangelia Georgitsi, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu; +32 2 295 04 43).

Yours sincerely,

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