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Subject: Advisory Councils – Composition rules

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Dear Mr Buonfiglio,

Thank you for your letter concerning the composition of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee of the future Advisory Councils.

The new Common Fisheries Policy in its Annex III foresees that 60% of the seats in the General Assembly and the Executive Committee shall be allotted to representatives of the industry and 40% to representatives of other interest groups affected by the CFP.

The new composition requirement is not conflicting with the open-door principle for the General Assembly, as it intends to ensure a more balanced representation of all legitimate stakeholders. As regards the composition of the Executive Committee, the legal framework allows to avoid the problem of decimals that you are referring to.

The Advisory Councils are expected to play an important role in the regionalized CFP. To this end, the European Parliament and the Council have agreed that a proportionate representation of the industry and of the other stakeholders is indispensable for both the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.

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