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To Hubert Gambs

Director General
Mediterranean and Black Sea

Dear Director General,

Considering the issues that have recently arisen concerning the jurisdiction of waters between Italy and France as well as the possible declaration of an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) by Greece in the Ionian Sea, the MEDAC considers the creation of an *ad hoc* Working Group to be useful in order to gather knowledge and provide the stakeholders' opinions in the different cases.

Furthermore, in 2010, the MEDAC (then RACMED) prepared an opinion that was sent to DG MARE (ref.122/2010, 20 September 2010) with a letter that is attached for convenience. The MEDAC General Assembly, held in Rome on 18th February, discussed the possibility of requesting authorisation to establish a new WG that was not foreseen in the 2016 work programme, substituting the one on the GFCM that had already been effectively taken over by the Focus Groups on the management plans.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any clarification. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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