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Dear President Buonfiglio,

With reference to the obligations under Regulation (EU) 1380/2013 of the EP and the Council on the CFP, in particular in accordance with Article 15 referring to the landing obligation, all Advisory Councils, including the MEDAC, saw their role confirmed and strengthened in the reformed CFP and remains the only forum for stakeholders at European level.

Moreover, according to Articles 9 and 10 of the Regulation, referring to shared stocks, the relevant long-term management plans should be developed taking into account the provisions of Article 18 on regionalization in order to contribute to the stocks' sustainable exploitation and the protection of the marine ecosystems.

Following the fruitful cooperation with MEDAC, already demonstrated in the preparation of the advice for a joint recommendation on discards management plan for small pelagics, (from which the concerned Member States, including GREECE extracted regionalized recommendations proposals divided by GSA and sent them to the European Commission), we kindly ask the MEDAC to collaborate with the Greek, Maltese, Cypriot and the Italian Administration in the preparation of a joint recommendation on discards management plan for some species, shared between Greece, Malta, Cyprus and Italy that are to be found in the Mediterranean area.

As you might know, in fact, with the publication in the Official Journal of the "Omnibus" Regulation (Regulation (EU)812/2015), the same procedure adopted for the discard management plans for small pelagic species can be followed. In this framework, the contribution of the MEDAC will once again be of valuable support in drafting the proposal that we plan to submit to the European Commission.

Looking forward to your prompt reply and our future collaboration.

Kind regards,

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General Director