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Dear Mr Buonfiglio,

further to the landing obligation for species defining the fisheries from Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Fisheries Policy, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the Republic of Slovenia, Directorate for Forestry, Hunting and Fisheries, identifies a need for Slovenian fisheries to be taken into account in implementation of this landing obligation in North Adriatic Sea.

Considering the results of scientific advice and reports, as well as data collected by national administrations, Slovenia agrees that the target species characterizing the fisheries in the North Adriatic Sea as a whole, comprising Croatian, Italian as well as Slovenian fisheries, are hake, red mullet and sole, which represents a starting point for a joint discard plan.

As you know, Slovenian fisheries sector is very small. In 2015 the landings by Slovenian fishermen of hake, red mullet and sole together have represented less than 10 % of total landings. The largest single share in previous years has been represented by whiting, which is however specific to Slovenian fisheries and is not subject to minimum size. This underlines the fact that Slovenian landings represent a very small fraction of all landings in North Adriatic Sea and are thus not representative of fisheries in North Adriatic as a whole. Also, discards are even smaller and are usually a few kilograms per fishing trip.

In this regard, we kindly ask you to collaborate, in order to carry out a discard plan in the North Adriatic Sea in relation to the landing obligation for demersal species entering into force with January 2017. In this framework, due to the very small share of landings by Slovenian fishermen, and also very small quantities of discards, it is of priority from the Slovenian perspective to provide for conditions for the use of de minimis exemption in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

We are aware that the MEDAC is already working on this issue. We would be very grateful if some elements can be submitted to the relevant Member States in order to finalize a discard plan in due time. Also, allow me to thank you again for your cooperation, so far and in the future.

Sincerely Yours,




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Director-General