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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels, 28 April 2022  
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**Subject: 73/2022\_MEDAC Advice on Egyptian fleet and 75/2022\_MEDAC advice to avoid Libyan transhipments**

Dear Mr Buonfiglio,

Thank you for your letters expressing your opinion on the issues regarding the Egyptian fleets and on avoiding Libyan transhipments.

We share your concerns regarding the Egyptian fleets' activities and the EU will raise this issue at the next GFCM Compliance Committee meeting. Our intention is to strengthen the fight against IUU activities in the Strait of Sicily, with the strict implementation of the inspections scheme and the follow up of the infringements.

Furthermore, on the measures concerning the deep-water shrimps, we fully share the need for historical data series for these species describing the fishing activities by GSA. Thank you also for putting forward the need for an agreement on the minimum conservation reference size and the implementation of selective fishing gears. We fully share your opinion and are currently promoting these elements at the level of the sub-regional committees of the GFCM.

On your second letter, the transhipments done by Libya are an issue of concern. However, the list you mention<sup>1</sup> is subject to conformity with the food security rules in place in the EU and not with IUU.

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<sup>1</sup> COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/405 of 24 March 2021 laying down the lists of third countries or regions thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council

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I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Pascale COLSON, coordinator of the Advisory Councils ([Pascale.COLSON@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Pascale.COLSON@ec.europa.eu); +32.2.295.62.73), who will forward them to relevant colleagues.

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