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Subject: Congratulatory letter from the Advisory Councils on the parliamentary approval of the Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans

Dear Commissioner-designate Kadis,

The eleven Advisory Councils would like to congratulate you on your recent parliamentary approval as Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans, which highlighted your commitments to secure EU food sovereignty, to lead global efforts to restore the health of the world's ocean, and to support coastal communities.

As foreseen in Article 43 of the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation, the Advisory Councils are stakeholder-led organisations composed of representatives of the fisheries and aquaculture value chain (e.g., primary producers, processors, retailers, trade unions) and Other Interest Groups (e.g., environmental and development NGOs, NGOs for animal welfare, recreational fishers) providing advice to the Commission and the Member States on matters related to the management, and the socio-economic and conservation aspects of fisheries and aquaculture and their supply chains.

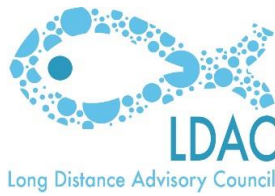
The Advisory Councils remain available to provide you with consensus advice, covering all EU sea basins, external waters, aquaculture production, and the supply chain down to the final consumer, to assist in the implementation of your mission. In line with your mission letter and your answers to the parliamentary questionnaire, in the upcoming period, the Advisory Councils will work on the implementation and evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy, including of

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the Common Market Organisation, and of the Strategic Guidelines for a more sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture, the European Oceans Pact, long-term competitiveness and sustainability, access to external waters, international governance, marine spatial planning, research and innovation, and the Climate Adaptation Plan, among many other priorities.

The Advisory Councils aim for a close collaboration with you and your Cabinet. In that sense, we hope that the practice established by your predecessor of annual roundtable discussions will continue, while remaining available for further joint and individual opportunities to exchange. We also remain available to assist you in the organisation of the planned Fisheries and Oceans Dialogues across the Union and in the preparation of the 2040 Vision for Fisheries and Aquaculture and their markets.

We look forward to working with you on the EU's fisheries, aquaculture and oceans and other related policies. In case of further questions, we invite you to contact our Secretariats.

Your sincerely,

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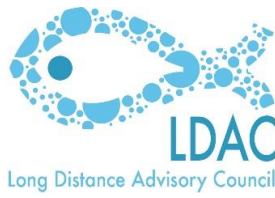
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Annex: Brochure on “EU Advisory Councils: Stakeholder engagement in policymaking for sustainable fisheries & aquaculture production and value chains”

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