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Markets Advisory Council
Mr Guus Pastoor, Chairperson
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Subject: Revision of the EU Fisheries Control System

Your reference: letter of 19 February 2018

Dear Mr. Pastoor,

Thank you for your letter and for your participation to the Expert Group meeting on the revision of the Fisheries Control System organized by the Commission on 16th November 2017.

We are fully aware of the MAC horizontal nature and of the fact that it has to deal with a wide range of actors and stakeholders. We also agree that a transition period is needed for a newly created Advisory Council to become fully operational. For this reason we very much appreciate the time you already dedicated within the Market Advisory Council to discussions on the revision of the EU Fisheries Control System, and would be happy to receive your views at a subsequent stage as you propose.

However, as we informed you during the consultation process, we still aim at adopting the Commission proposal on a revised Fisheries Control System by April 2018.

We wish to thank you again for your active support to this important exercise, and remain at your disposal to discuss issues with you at your best convenience. Should you have any questions on this reply, you may contact Ms. Pascale Colson (pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu; +32 2 29 56273), coordinator of Advisory Councils.

Yours sincerely,

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