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Mr. Guus Pastoor, Chairman Market Advisory Council rue de la Science, 10 B-1000 Brussels

Subject: EU Fisheries Control System

Your Ref.: MAC's email of 12 November 2018

Dear Mr. Pastoor,

I would like to thank the Market Advisory Council for the opinion delivered on the Commission's proposal concerning the revision of the EU fisheries control system.

We have taken good note of this opinion, which is constructive on many points and provides concrete proposals on some provisions. I am convinced that it will contribute in a positive way to the discussions on this proposal starting in the Council and in the European Parliament.

Given the interest that the Market Advisory Council has on issues around traceability of fishery products and the implications that the proposed new rules might have, we are considering organising an ad-hoc workshop with Member States and stakeholders next year to discuss the current and the future rules. My services will get in contact with the Market Advisory Council when drawing up the agenda of such workshop, so that relevant presentations can be added and stakeholders invited.

Should you have any further question on this reply, I invite you to contact Ms. Pascale Colson (pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu; +32 2 29 56273).

Yours sincerely,

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