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THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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Ms. Sandra SANMARTIN Fisheries Policy Officer EBCD 10 rue de la Science, 1000 Brussels, BELGIUM

<u>Subject:</u> Market Advisory Council signatories request support from DG MARE to promote the MAC towards Member States

Dear Ms. Sanmartin,

Thank you for your email. I take note of the request of the organisations that have signed the application for the setting up of the Market Advisory Council (MAC) to DG MARE to encourage Member States to financial support the future MAC.

Commission delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/242 laying down detailed rules on the functioning of the Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy encourages Member States to provide appropriate technical, logistical and financial support to facilitate the functioning of the Advisory Councils. Indeed, Member States concerned contribute financially to the operational costs of the existing Advisory Councils.

Once the procedure for the effective setting up of the MAC is completed, we will inform Member States and invite them to consider providing appropriate support for its functioning. I am confident that Member States will do their best to this end.

Yours sincerely,

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