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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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Subject: Engagement of the European Commission with Member States and stakeholders over the implementation of the Deep-sea Access Regulation – Disclosure of documents and correspondence

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

In July this year I have announced my commitment to provide full transparency on the extensive stakeholder consultation carried out by the Commission services on the implementation of the Deep-sea Access Regulation over the past two years.

I am very pleased to send you today the records of this consultation, which includes invitations to meetings, some meeting minutes, information documents and workshop reports shared with Advisory Councils, stakeholders and Member States¹.

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Representatives of NGOs

I believe this exercise documents the efforts pursued by the European Commission to reach out to all relevant parties in line with its policy and practice of consultation, openness and transparency.

Yours sincerely,

(e-Signed)
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