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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO THE INTER-AC MEETING OF 09 MARCH 2023

We would like to invite you to the next inter-AC coordination meeting which will take place in Brussels on:

09 March 2023 from 9:30 to 17:00 Hybrid meeting (via INTERACTIO) Interpretation will be available: From FR-EN-IT-ES-RO-BG into FR-EN-IT-ES-RO-BG

Our Director General, Charlina Vitcheva, would like to use this occasion to present to you the Fisheries Package which is expected to be adopted in the second half of February. This package will include the Communication on the functioning of the CFP, the Communication on the energy transition of the EU fisheries and aquaculture sector; the EU Action Plan: Protecting and restoring marine ecosystems for sustainable and resilient fisheries and the Report on the Implementation of the CMO Regulation.

In addition, and as you will see from the agenda attached, we will use this meeting to update you on to get to know the new Director of MARE A, Ms. Delilah Al Khudairy, and the work of her directorate, update you in Mission Oceans and, following the request from some of the ACs, present the recent ECA report on IUU.

Only members of the Advisory Councils are invited to take active part in the meeting. To facilitate the dialogue we are happy to announce that this meeting will be hybrid, giving the opportunity to AC Chairs and Vice-Chairs or members selected to represent the AC to be present in the room, and to all members to follow the meeting remotely.

Given the capacity of the room we can host a maximum of 6 representatives per Advisory Council. We invite you to inform us of the representatives that will be present. Please make sure that representation is ensured from both the fisheries representatives and other interest groups. Please be aware that, as we already announced, we will not proceed to any reimbursement for travel and hotel costs, which should be borne under your own budget.

A light lunch will be provided during the meeting.

Where the AC cannot be represented in the room, please indicate which Chairs or Vice-Chairs will be connecting remotely so that they can be given a speakers-link to take the floor during the meeting.

We thank you for confirming the names of the active participants (those who will be physically present or actively participating online and will have the chance to take the floor during the meeting) **before 17 February via AGM**.

Other AC members and representatives from Member States and the European Parliament are welcome to follow the meeting online as observers. The observers link will be shared with you before the meeting.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Advisory Councils Functional Mailbox at mare-ac@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

Lena ANDERSSON PENCH

Annex: Agenda of the meeting.

Copy: Member States and EP representatives