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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,  
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**Subject: EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities and Draft Technical Screening Criteria for Fishing Activities**

Dear Ms Bermúdez,

Thank you for MAC letter dated 30 September 2022, in which MAC provides its views on the EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities in general and raises its concerns with regard to the Technical Screening Criteria for the activity “Fishing” envisaged by the Platform on Sustainable Finance in particular.

As you are aware, the European Commission mandated the Platform on Sustainable Finance to advise the Commission on draft technical screening criteria for selected activities, also covering the activity “Fishing”. The Platform delivered their (non-binding) advice in March 2022 and complemented the advice in the report published in November 2022.

In line with the Commission’s Better Regulation Agenda and the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making, the Commission commits to gather all necessary expertise prior to the adoption of a Taxonomy act, which will include taking into account all relevant available information and evidence for specific criteria. Any future Taxonomy act will be subject to a public consultation before adoption.

No deadline has been defined yet for such a consultation nor for its adoption.

I thank you for your advice on and your interest in sustainable finance, and I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation.

Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Pascale COLSON, coordinator of the Advisory Councils ([Pascale.COLSON@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Pascale.COLSON@ec.europa.eu); +32.2.295.62.73), who will forward them to relevant colleagues.

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