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**Subject: Recommendations for ensuring a robust new Fishing Authorisation Regulation (FAR) on sustainable management of external fishing fleets**

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Dear Mr Lopez,

Thank you for sending us the compromise position of the LDAC on Commission proposal for a new Fishing Authorisation Regulation.

While agreeing with you that this proposal is based on the flag State responsibility, I would like to stress that the Commission has an obligation to ensure the proper implementation of the rules set therein, as well as of the CFP in general.

Ensuring the level playing field between EU and non-EU vessels fishing in EU waters is also of key importance for the Commission and, to this end, we will be defending the non-discrimination principle between the fleets.

As to the reviving of the dormant agreements, our FAR proposal contains provisions on direct authorisations that aim at ensuring sustainability of fishing under private agreements. Depending on the outcome of the negotiations with the Council and the EP, the Commission may consider renegotiating or denouncing SFPAs that have not been activated by a fisheries Protocol for a certain time, in order to make it possible to resume fishing under sustainable conditions.

Thank you again for your constructive input. If you have any question on this reply, you may contact Ms. Evangelia Georgitsi ([evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu](mailto:evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu); +32.2.295.04.43) or Ms. Ramune Genzbigelyte-Venturi ([Ramune.genzbigelyte-venturi@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Ramune.genzbigelyte-venturi@ec.europa.eu); +32 2 29 85043).

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