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**Subject: Commission representation at PELAC meetings**

*Your ref. 1718/PAC 135 of 19 June 2018*

Dear Mr. Raakjær,

Thank you for your letter regarding Commission representation at PELAC meetings. First of all, let me ensure you that the work of your Advisory Council is essential to us for the development and implementation of the CFP and we do our best to participate in your meetings as far as possible. As you recall, I personally attended the inter-Advisory Councils (ACs) meeting organised by the PELAC in April, together with other DG MARE officials.

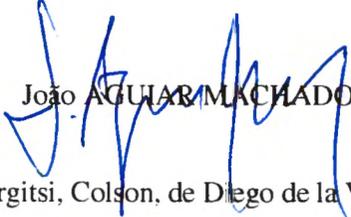
As regards the meetings of 5 and 6 July, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that we were not informed that the Policy Statement, the EMFF proposal and the revision of the Control Regulation were on the agenda and we only spotted this by chance, through your website, earlier this week. Given the importance of these points, I fully understand the need for DG MARE presence and I am pleased to confirm our participation. My services will send you the names of the colleagues that will cover each point in the coming days.

At the same time, I would like to ask you to keep in mind that, with 10 Advisory Councils up and running, the coordination of DG MARE participation at your meetings is very challenging and we cannot ensure our participation at every single meeting. I would therefore be grateful if you could send our Advisory Councils coordinator your meeting planning and draft agenda as far as possible in advance, specifying for which points DG MARE presence would be required as soon as possible. This will help us identify the appropriate colleague and prioritize our participation to your meetings accordingly.

I would like to reiterate that we value your work and trust that ACs can continue working in an efficient and effective way even if the Commission is not present in all the meetings.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Pascale Colson, coordinator of the ACs, ([pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu](mailto:pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu); +32 2 29 56273) should you have more questions on this letter.

Yours sincerely,

  
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