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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,
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Subject: Social dimension to fisheries management and policy

Dear Mr. Raakjaer,

Thank you for your letter of 1 July in which you express the support of the Pelagic Advisory Council for the joint letter from the Long Distance Advisory Council (LDAC) and the EU Social partners in Sea fisheries, Europêche and the European Transport Workers Federation (ETF).

I welcome the increased attention paid by Advisory Councils to the social dimension of our fisheries policies and would encourage the interested Advisory Councils to work as much as possible together on this important topic given its transversal nature.

The Commission continues its efforts to strengthen the social dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy. The report on the functioning of the Common Fisheries Policy foreseen for 2022 will also pay a particular attention to the social dimension, as indicated in the mission letter of Commissioner Sinkevičius¹.

As regards the specific elements of the joint letter to which you express your support, I refer to the reply letter that I sent to the LDAC and the EU Social partners, which you will find in the Annex to this letter.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/mission-letter-virginijus-sinkevicius_en.pdf

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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; +32.2.295.62.73), who will forward them to relevant colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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