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Ms. Verena Ohms Executive Secretary Pelagic RAC Treubstraat 17 PO Box 72 2280 AB Rijswijk The Netherlands

Subject: Flexibility regarding number of ExCom representatives

Yr references: 1314PRAC16

Dear Ms. Ohms,

Thank you for the Pelagic RAC letter requesting flexibility regarding the number of the members of the Executive Committee.

The services of the Commission are currently preparing the delegated act on the functioning of the Advisory Councils that will repeal the Council decision 2004/585/CE, which currently limits the number of the Executive Committee members to 24. I can assure you that your request is being thoroughly considered and we will try to accommodate your views as much as possible. We will have the opportunity to further discuss this issue, as well as the content of the delegated act in general, at the next coordination meeting between the Commission and the Advisory Councils, which will take place in Brussels on 19 March.

Thank you for your continuous interest and constructive input. If you have any further question on this reply, you can contact Ms Evangelia Georgitsi, coordinator of the Regional Advisory Councils (evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.04.43).

Yours sincerely,

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