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Subject: Meeting request on monitoring, control and enforcement

Dear Mr Beamish,

As you will be aware the correct interpretation of monitoring, control and enforcement (MCE) rules is absolutely crucial to being able to operate a fishery responsibly and lawfully. Although the Pelagic AC has time and again expressed its willingness to work together with the Member States' control experts on the issue of MCE and requested clear guidelines on implementation rules, no collaboration has come to fruition in this regard.

Now that the Omnibus regulation has been adopted and the control experts have submitted their technical reports it is of the uttermost importance to the Pelagic AC to meet representatives of the High-level North Western Waters regional group to discuss the subject of MCE.

We hope that you are in a position to facilitate such a meeting and look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

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