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MEDITERRANEAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Att: Giampaolo Buonfiglio, Chair

Via Nazionale, 243

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SUBJECT: Development of long-term management plans – further actions

Dear Mr. Buonfiglio,

allow me to, first and foremost, once again thank you and the MEDAC for all the efforts and support provided to the administrations in development of the discard plan for small pelagics in the Adriatic earlier this year. We believe that it was due to the support of the sector representatives that the work could have been done in time and with high quality. The cooperation established in that process is a key building element in our future work.

As a follow up to the discussions held, and since the development of long-term management plans based on a regional approach is a key element of the implementation of the new Basic Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy (n. 1380/2013), I would like to use this opportunity to inform you that the suggestion to ask MEDAC to organize a focus working group on the issues related to development of such a plan for sardines and anchovies in GSA 17 among the 3 Adriatic member states was strongly supported.

As this will be the topic of discussion at the forthcoming MEDAC meeting in Split, we would be grateful if some elements of your considerations would be submitted to the administrations of the concerned member states in order to gain better overview of all aspects that could contribute to sustainable exploitation of sardine and anchovy stocks in GSA 17.

Sincerely,

