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M. le Président du
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c/o Ministero delle Politiche Agricole,
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PJ :

Dear Mr. Buonfiglio,

First of all, we would like to thank the MEDAC for the work done during last year regarding the Landing Obligation Joint Recommendations for the Mediterranean Sea.

This year, the PESCAMED group of Member States will work under the French Presidency, so we would like to take the opportunity to share with you our proposal of planning for 2018.

The Landing Obligation (LO) phasing-in has to continue this year with the introduction of the rest of the species, as, by the 1st of January 2019, the total LO for all vessels, for all species with minimum conservation reference size (MRCS) from the Annex III of the EU regulation 1967/2006, will enter in force.

In order to start working as soon as possible on the Joint Recommendation (JR) that will apply from the 1st of January 2019, we would like to work closely with the MEDAC and ask you for advice during the whole process.

First of all we would like to have your views and recommendations regarding which exemptions for the species from the Annex III (defined by GSA, gears, mesh sizes, etc.) would be needed, in order to support them with relevant scientific studies or evidences.

We would like to receive the MEDAC views before the 1st of March 2018 to start drafting the JR. As the regional group of Member States PESCAMED has the deadline to present the JR by the 31st of May of 2018, at the latest, to the European Commission, we need to quickly coordinate.

We have planned a technical meeting on the 21st of March in Paris. We would like to invite you to participate, so you will receive the information of exact dates, agenda and logistics in due time.

Best regards,

Le directeur des pêches maritimes
et de l'aquaculture,



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