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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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Subject: 39/2022_MEDAC Advice on Draft EU Recommendation on the sustainable management of recreational fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea

Dear Mr Buonfiglio,

Thank you for your letter expressing your opinion on the pending EU recommendation on the sustainable management of recreational fisheries. Your contribution is timely and most welcomed. The presentation of your advice during the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) Working Group on Recreational Fisheries was also much appreciated.

The Commission is carefully assessing your proposals for amendments. It is important to make progress on this major topic, as catches from recreational fisheries could represent between 10 and 37% of the overall catches in the Mediterranean. In line with the GFCM 2030 Strategy, we therefore plan to propose a sound proposal on the management of recreational fisheries during the next GFCM annual session (7-11 November 2022).

Your opinion will be taken into account in our discussions within the EU and with our partners on this relevant topic.

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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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