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The Director-General

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Subject: Recommendation 58 of the Outermost Regions Advisory Council

(CCRUP) on Access of fishing vessels flying the flag of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the exclusive economic zone off the coast of the

French department of Guiana

Dear Mr Farias,

I would like to thank the CCRUP for its recommendation 58 which informs about the situation relating to the licences granted to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the subsequent access to the red snapper resource by the processing sector of the French department of Guiana.

After a careful analysis and review of the elements contained in the letter, I would like to inform you that the European Commission has no jurisdiction in the matter and hence I would invite you to address this matter with the French authorities.

Should you have any further questions on this reply, please do not hesitate to contact our coordinator of Advisory Councils, Ms Julia Rubeck (MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu) or our policy officer Ms Caroline Alibert-Deprez (Caroline.Alibert-Deprez@ec.europa.eu).

Yours faithfully,

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