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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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Subject: Response to the CCRUP recommendation on the reintroduction of a specific POSEI-Fisheries programme (reference Rec. n° 70).

Dear Mr Farias,

I would like to thank you for your Recommendation n° 70, in which the Advisory Council for the outermost regions ('CCRUP') proposes to reintroduce a specific POSEI-Fisheries programme. We take note that, according to your Recommendation, the current national programmes under the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund ('EMFAF') lack speed and adequate adaptation to the realities of the outermost regions. I would like to point out that the Member States and their outermost regions have a large flexibility to decide on the design, eligibility rules and conditions for aid in their EMFAF programmes and can make extensive use of the Fund to support capacity building of both the sector and the administration.

The Commission proposals in relation to the future Multiannual Financial Framework ('MFF') provide that Member States would be required to include specific measures to address each outermost regions' needs and challenges in their National and Regional Partnership Plans ('NRPPs'). Different policies such as cohesion, agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture will be merged under a single framework for financing under the NRPPs. In this respect, the plans would enable access to financing from all policies covered.

This marks a significant step forward as in the past, funding for the outermost regions was fragmented. The new framework, by contrast, allows resources to be combined more effectively, whether for investments, reforms, or compensation schemes. Member States, in close cooperation with their regions, will be responsible for allocating support to the different regions and sectors. While the support under the NRPPs includes a minimum amount of 2 billion Euro to invest in some core areas of the common fisheries policy, support for outermost regions will be financed from the non-ringfenced NRPP allocations or from the ringfenced amount for less developed regions, where applicable.

The Commission proposals are currently under examination by the European Parliament and the Council, with a view to their adoption and implementation as of 2028.

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I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Amanda Perez Perera, via Amanda.PEREZ-PERERA@ec.europa.eu and Julia Rubeck, our Advisory Councils coordinator, via the functional mailbox MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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