



LONG DISTANCE FLEET REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Director General
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Dear Director General,

The Executive Committee of the Long Distance Fleet RAC (LDRAC), assembled in Madrid February the 6th, would like to express you its concerns about the great significance that EU negotiations in the international arena (bilateral and multilateral) have for the fisheries sector part of the LDRAC.



In this respect, it was agreed to request the European Commission for providing to this Regional Advisory Council more detailed and better information of any affair dealing with the LDRAC. Thus it will allow us to issue recommendations with time enough to be taken into account in the negotiations.

On that score, it is considered extremely useful to continue with consultative meetings among the EC and the stakeholders, so they can be aware about the EC positions.

The LDRAC Executive Committee wish to underline its interest to be also invited to participate in the above mentioned meetings, in order to have the possibility to express its positions and points of view previously agreed in its core bodies.

On the same side, whenever it were interesting, this RAC will appoint a representative to follow up the annual meetings of the most important RFOs, and to provide information, previously approved by the LDRAC Executive Committee, to the European Commission Delegation.

Yours sincerely,



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