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Dear Mr Cabral,

We would like to thank you for your letter dated 26 November 2014 informing the Commission on the LDAC's Memorandum of Understanding with the COMHAFAT to promote the conservation of marine biodiversity and the sustainable use of marine resources, notably through improved Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) in the Atlantic Ocean.


As you certainly know, the EU adopted on 17 March 2014 a strategy on the Gulf of Guinea to support the efforts of the region and its coastal states to address the many challenges of maritime insecurity and organised crime – including Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing. The issue of IUU fishing has been specifically discussed with the West African regional organisations (ECOWAS and WAEMU) in the context of the preparation of the 11th EDF Regional Indicative Programme (RIP) for West Africa, with a view to include activities in support of fighting IUU.

We can reassure you that DG MARE and DG DEVCO work in close contact to support developing countries to combat IUU fishing. Some West African countries or organisations have submitted project proposals to reinforce MSC in the region and our services will analyse them in close cooperation.

Our services remain available for a joint meeting with the LDAC.

Yours sincerely,


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