



**Attn: Mr. Miko and Ms. Evans**

**General Director DG SANCO /General Director DG MARE**

**Brussels**

Madrid, November the 26<sup>th</sup> 2014

**Subject: Coordination on Ebola virus disease protocols**

Dear General Directors,

In my quality of president of the Long Distance Fleet Advisory Council (LDAC) I would like to convey the concern of our members about the coordination on Ebola virus disease protocols.

As you know, in early 2014, an outbreak of disease was reported by virus Ebola in Guinea Conakry and was subsequently extended to Liberia and Sierra Leone. In fact, in August the General Director of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak as public health emergency of international concern.

In order to ensure early detection and diagnosis of a possible case on board, we kindly ask you to coordinate with your services and the Member States clear protocols for fishing vessels. It is extremely important that crews can immediately adopt appropriate control measures to prevent the occurrence of new cases and know how to act correctly since first moment.

With the hope you can understand our concern and remaining at your disposal,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Cabral', with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

**Antonio Cabral**  
President

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