

Madrid, 10th of December 2014

Subject: Meeting about the upcoming Commission Communication on the implementation of the IUU regulation

Dear Ms. Evans,

In my quality of president of the Long Distance Fleet Advisory Council (LDAC) I would like to convey the interest of our members to meet with your DG, at your best convenience, in order to receive clarification about the upcoming Commission Communication on the implementation of the IUU Regulation of the IUU Regulation.

In the last meeting of our working group 5, DG Mare representatives informed us about the upcoming Commission Communication on the implementation of the IUU Regulation. In that context, and in order to inform our future discussions in the LDAC on this topic, we would like to have your views on how some issues could be tackled in the future, including:

- How to ensure effective implementation of the EU IUU Regulation and improve compliance by Member States.
- How to ensure a harmonized implementation with other EU policies notably on Development, Sanitary, Trade and Labor.
- How to ensure a coherent application of the IUU Regulation with DG Mare actions in relation to SFPAs and RFMOS.
- How to significantly reduce the opportunity for fraudulent use of catch certificates.
- How to promote/ensure that Member States take action to identify and sanction nationals involved in IUU fishing.
- What possible improvements to the current provisions can be made through EC implementing powers or by changing the mandate of the European Fisheries Control Agency. (development and implementation of risk-based import and port control processes, etc).
- How to improve transparency regarding the criteria applied for putting/removing a third country on the list of non-cooperating countries
- How to continue to incentivize the leadership of the EU in generating change across the world to strengthen efforts to combat IUU fishing.

We remain at your disposal,

Yours sincerely



Antonio Cabral
President