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Subject: LDAC advice regarding the Fisheries Transparency Initiative

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Thank you for sending us your advice regarding the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI). We welcome the active contribution by several LDAC members to the development of the FiTI and note your request to the Commission to continue positive engagement in the future.

The Commission intends to formalise its standpoint on the future development of FiTI in early 2017, therefore, your detailed comments are very valuable in this context. We share many of your conclusions, in particular that the EU is already fulfilling most of the transparency requirements proposed by the FiTI and that transparency requirements must be implemented without exceptions. Building on the continued collaboration between the LDAC and the Commission regarding the FiTI, I hope we will continue to work together to play a positive role in supporting increased transparency in international fisheries.

Thank you again for your constructive input. If you have any questions about this reply, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Evangelia Georgitsi (evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.04.43) or Ms. Ramune Genzbigelyte-Venturi (ramune.genzbigelyte-venturi@ec.europa.eu; +32 2 29 85043).

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