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Mr Antonio Cabral
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Subject: Problems with shipments of Moroccan seamen

Yr reference: Letter from Antonio Cabral dated 26 November 2014

Dear Mr Cabral,

Thank you for drawing my attention to the issues linked to the obligation of European fishing vessels operating under the agreement signed between Morocco and the European Union to embark Moroccan seamen. My services are fully aware of the financial and safety implications of the problems that you raise in your letter and regularly recall to the Moroccan administration the provisions of the protocol on the availability of the list of eligible seamen, their necessary qualifications, as well as the obligations incumbent on the crew.

According to information sent to our fisheries attaché in Rabat by his Spanish counterpart, there are no longer problems with the recruited Moroccan seamen on the Spanish fishing vessels. The list of Moroccan seamen available for embarking on EU vessels is regularly updated, namely with names of qualified fishermen. We have not received complaints from other fleets in this respect.

Should you receive evidence or complaints from other fleets regarding the shipment of Moroccan seamen, please inform Ms Evangelia Georgitsi, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.04.43).

Yours sincerely,



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