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Subject: Requests to open and develop a communication channel with DG Environment

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Dear Mr. López,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 13 May 2020 and for your continued dedication to providing the highest quality of advice.

The LDAC is tasked with advising the Commission on the Common Fisheries Policy, notably its external dimension affecting the long distance fleet. In that respect there is indeed a strong interconnection with the international environmental agenda and a need to ensure policy coherence. I fully understand your wish for an exchange of views with relevant Commission representatives on policy developments.

We believe that such exchange would be best organized by adding items you wish to discuss on the agenda of the next LDAC meeting. As usual, we would organise appropriate participation from the Commission side, including from DG Environment, where necessary. If the LDAC has specific advice on environmental topics, please do not hesitate to send us such advice. We will then ensure that this is channelled to relevant colleagues in DG Environment.

I invite you to take contact with Ms Pascale Colson, coordinator for the Advisory Councils (pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu; +32 2 29 56273) should you have any question on this reply.

Yours sincerely,

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