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Dear Chairs,

I would like to thank you for your joint letter of 15 April 2025 on the future of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) and more specifically the support for fisheries and aquaculture. I appreciate your views as an important element of our policymaking, and I would like to thank you for contributing to the discussions on future funding.

The preparation of the next MFF is ongoing. The challenges that the Union faces today are multifaceted and call for a modern and reinforced EU budget. President von der Leyen's objective is to propose a new budget, which will be more focused to align with our priorities and objectives, simpler in the way it works and more impactful. Further efforts are needed in particular to achieve a more effective policy-based budget, to ensure synergies between our policies and the financial action of the Union, and to mobilise all levers at our disposal, including investments and reforms. The future MFF is therefore an opportunity to continue supporting the fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

The Commission is engaging broadly with stakeholders in the design of the future EU budget ahead of the proposal, planned for July 2025. Your input to the public consultations is therefore very pertinent.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kadis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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