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Subject: Live Streaming of the Fisheries Council exchange of views on Commission Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2017

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Your Excellency,

During the upcoming Agriculture and Fisheries Council meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, the Commission is likely to present its Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2017. Whilst we appreciate there is no legal requirement to stream all debates, streaming exchanges on issues of public interest facilitates enhanced transparency and motivates greater stakeholder involvement. Setting correct fishing opportunities is fundamental to achieving the objectives of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy, namely to end overfishing and to restore and maintain fish stocks above levels capable of producing the Maximum Sustainable Yield. Since transparency and better law making are among the Dutch Presidency's top priorities, we ask that the Ministers' exchange of views on this topic is live streamed in line with 2009/937/EU Article 8.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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