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Dear Mr Andersson,

In September 2008, the Commission, with the support of the Council, the European Parliament and other community institutions, instigated a thorough reform process of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP).

The first step of the reform process began with the production of a Green Paper by the Commission to stimulate a general consultation on the future of the CFP. This consultation took place between April and December 2009 and can be considered a great success, with the Commission receiving almost 1700 contributions.

The next step of this process is a thorough analysis of current options and alternatives, to elicit the core orientations to be examined in-depth during the preparatory period of the reform. Within this context, we are pleased to invite you participate in the "Conference on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy" to be held on 2 & 3 May 2010 in Corunna, Spain, co-organised by the Spanish Presidency and the Commission.

During this conference, taking place in Spanish, French and English, three key pillars of the reform will be debated in three simultaneous workshops: governance, access and resource management and the differentiated regime for small-scale and coastal fisheries. The conference is open to European institutions, national administrations, representatives of the fisheries sector, the scientific community in addition to non-governmental organisations.

We are pleased to invite 3 members of each RAC to participate in this conference. We would appreciate that you consider the representativeness of the RAC delegation when nominating these persons. Please send confirmation of your attendance by completing the registration form in annex of this invitation, specifying in order of preference the workshops you and your colleagues would like to attend, to the RAC coordinator (isabelle.viallon@ec.europa.eu), by 19 February at the latest. Please note that as the capacity for each workshop is limited to 60 people, places for each workshop will be allocated in order of the completed registration forms we receive. We would also ask you to facilitate our efforts of ensuring uniform participation from all sectors in all 3 workshops when registering.

Please find attached in annex the conference programme in addition to all practical information for the conference.

Yours sincerely,



Fokion FOTIADIS
Director General



Juan Carlos MARTIN FRAGUEIRO
Secretary General of Maritime Fisheries

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Two hotels are offering preferential rates for participants of this conference. These preferential rates (indicated below) are guaranteed until 31 March 2010. To benefit from these beneficial rates, please quote "fisheries conference" when making a room reservation.

Please note that conference participants are responsible for booking their own hotel accommodation directly with the hotels.

HESPERIA FINISTERRE***** www.hesperia-finisterre.com Paseo del Parrote, 2 15001 La Coruña Tél. +34 981 20 54 00 Single room: 122 € Double room: 143 € VAT and breakfast included Junior suite supplement: 15 € Suite supplement: 25 €	HOTEL NH ATLÁNTICO**** www.nh-hoteles.com Jardines Méndez Núñez, s/n – in front of PALEXCO 15006 La Coruña Tél. +34 981 22 65 00 Single room: 107€ Double room: 128,4 € VAT and breakfast included
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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

First name:

Surname:

Initial:

Organisation:

I would like to attend, in order of preference, the following workshops:

- Workshop 1 - Governance
- Workshop 2 - Access and resource management
- Workshop 3 - Differentiated regime for small-scale and coastal fisheries

Particular individual needs/requirements:

PROGRAMME

Conference on the Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy

Corunna, 2 & 3 May 2010

Sunday, 2 May 2010

10.00h – 10.30h	Inauguration/Opening of the Conference
10.30h – 12.30h	Presentation by the Commission of the debate topics
12.30h – 12.45h	Format of the 3 workshops
12.45h – 14.00h	End of plenary session. Meeting of the workshops
14.15h – 15.15h	Invitation by the Commission to meal at the PALEXCO
16.00h – 18.00h	Continuation of workshops
20.30h	Directors-General dinner (Casa de los Peces)

Monday, 3 May 2010

9.00h – 13.30h	Meeting of the workshops
14.00h – 15.00h	Invitation by the Commission to meal at the PALEXCO
15.30h – 17.00h	Presentation of the conclusions of the workshops
17.05h	Close
18.00h – 19.00h	Press conference
20.00h	Official reception by invitation of the Mayor of Corunna (Plaza María Pita)