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Dear Mr Brouckaert,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission proposal on technical measures and for the continued support of the NWWAC in this regard.

In its proposal the Commission has simplified the existing and complex array of prescriptive rules and regulations. It has replaced them with a much simplified, consolidated and more results oriented approach and crucially, one that supports the implementation of the 2013 Common Fisheries Policy.

I share some of your concerns regarding the proposed reintroduction of complex elements by the co-legislators. Indeed, some of these may directly conflict with core elements of the Common Fisheries Policy such as the landing obligation. I can inform you that this observation has already been formally shared with the co-legislators.

It is my intention to work with both the Council and the European Parliament to notably retain the principles of simplicity and to find a positive outcome for such an important legislative proposal, making sure that it is fit for purpose and it addresses the current identified shortcomings.

I can assure you that in the ongoing trilogues, the Commission will be mindful of our shared concerns and will defend the key elements of its proposal.

Yours sincerely,

