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Subject: Seats for the Advisory Councils in STECF

Your ref.: Letter from Antonio Cabral dated 23 January 2014

Dear Mr Cabral,

Thank you for your letter concerning the involvement of the ACs in the work of STECF. We very much welcome your interest and participation in the advisory process.

All STECF Expert Working Group (EWG) meetings are open to observers for registration by default without any nominal limitations on total number or representatives per AC. If there are more requests for attendance than can be accommodated, preference is given to AC representatives with a limitation of three representatives per AC in principle. Final selection aims to ensure a balanced representation of all stakeholders corresponding to the agenda of the meeting. Given the strong interest for participation at the EWG meeting on landing obligations held in Dublin on 25-28 November and the limitations of the meeting venue, observer attendance had to be limited to one representative per AC to allow participation of all ACs. We will ensure in the future that the venues selected to host meetings concerning the implementation of the new CFP are large enough to allow for a wider participation by representatives of the ACs.

Thank you for your continuous interest and constructive input. If you have any further question on this reply, you can contact Ms Evangelia Georgitsi, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.04.43).

Yours sincerely,

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