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The Director-General

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Subject: Agreed amendment to Southern Horse Mackerel long-term management strategy (Your Ref: 2021PAC61)

Dear Mr Raakjaer, dear Mr. Bilbao Barandica,

Thank you, Mr. Raakjaer, for your letter concerning Southern Horse Mackerel. I can confirm that we have indeed transmitted your letter to ICES for their consideration during WGHANSA.

I would like to draw your attention to our response to you of 19 September 2019 (Your reference: 1819/PAC83), where we made it clear that the legal basis for managing stocks is MSY as defined under Article 2 (2) of the CFP Regulation. Therefore, we remain obliged to have the MSY advice as the “headline” and the long-term management strategy as part of the catch options table in the ICES advice. I want to stress that this does not in any way undermine the importance of the work of the PELAC and SWWAC in developing this long-term management strategy. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank the members of the PELAC and the SWWAC for your combined efforts. We share the same ambition for sustainable stock management.

Should you have any further questions regarding this letter, I invite you to contact Ms Pascale Colson, coordinator of the ACs (pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu; + 32 2 29 56273).

Yours sincerely,

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