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Dear Mr Fotiadis,

In response to your request to formulate a viewpoint on rights based management, the Pelagic RAC discussed the subject at the Executive Committee meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Pelagic RAC is of the clear view that the European Commission should step back and have no formal role in rights based management, leaving it to Member States to decide on the systems that best suit their national requirements.

The Executive Committee also concluded that the best way the Commission could contribute to the rights based management debate was to prepare a detailed document describing the various rights based management systems that are currently in place throughout the Community with an assessment of the advantages and drawbacks of the various systems. Such a document would be a very valuable source of information to the Member States particularly those Member States that are in the process of reviewing their rights based management systems.

The Pelagic RAC looks forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ingvild Harkes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ingvild Harkes  
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