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Subject: Flexibility regarding number of ExCom representatives
CC: Mr Ernesto Penas Lado, Ms Martine Aussems, Ms Evangelia Georgitsi
(by email)

Dear Ms Evans,

At the last Inter RAC meeting on 24 October 2013 Mr Ernesto Penas Lado encouraged the RACs to inform the Commission about desired flexibility regarding practical implications of the new composition of the future Advisory Councils (ACs). He informed us that the current ceiling on the number of Executive Committee representatives (24) will cease to apply and that the new regulation does not limit the number of Executive Committee representatives.

In order to mathematically balance the composition of 60% representatives of the fishing industry and 40% of the other interest group, we would like to suggest that the Commission allow flexibility on the total number of Executive Committee representatives for each AC individually. Some RACs have suggested increasing the number of seats to 25. Another possibility would be to reduce the number to 20. We believe that each AC should be allowed to decide for itself which number best suits its functionality and to constitute this in its own articles of association.

We hope that you will consider our request and are looking forward to receiving your written reply.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary Pelagic RAC