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Brussels, MARE.E.4/KM/

Ms Béatrice Gorez CFFA Coordinator cffa.cape@gmail.com

Subject: Your complaint CHAP(2019)00315

Dear Ms Gorez,

I refer to the complaint CHAP(2019)00315 you have introduced on behalf of the Coalition for Fair Fisheries Arrangements (CFFA), as well as your letter from 20 November 2020 (registered under reference Ares(2020)7045535).

I can confirm that we have now received a reply from Italy to the additional questions that were asked in the framework of the EU Pilot case EUP(2019)9562. The Commission services are in the process of finalising the analysis of this reply. In this respect, we should be able to conclude on all issues covered by the EU Pilot case that relate to your complaint before the end of January 2021. We will then inform you about the outcome of our analysis.

Concerning the specific question of access to the audit on the external fleet, such an access can in principle not be granted as the investigation following this audit is still ongoing. In this respect, I would like to recall that the scope of the EU Pilot case EUP(2019)9562 is larger than the issues included in your complaint.

I will inform you once the examination of your complaint is completed and a decision on the follow-up has been taken.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed) Marie-Laure CASONI Acting Head of Unit