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Dear President,

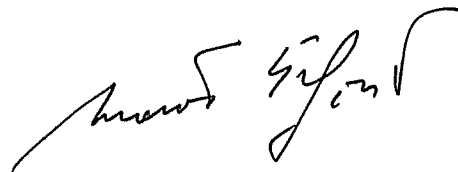
The European Commission thanks the Senate of the Italian Republic for its resolution on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 of 22 May 2006 establishing Community financial measures for the implementation of the common fisheries policy and in the area of the Law of the Sea {COM(2010) 145}, submitted on 14 June 2010.

The Commission notes that the Senate does not formulate any objections to the proposal in relation to the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and welcomes the comment of the Committee for Agriculture and Food Production on article 5, which highlights the importance of taking into account socio-economic information in the field of data collection, management and use. The collection of socio-economic variables is indeed foreseen by the data collection framework in place since 2008 (see in particular Appendices VI, X and XII of the Commission Decision 949/2008) and the modification of article 5 has been proposed to include an express reference to this.

Regarding the comment formulated by the Committee on article 11, the modification proposed for this article is not intended to lead to any redefinition of fish stocks. This modification has been proposed in order to cover all options for cooperation with international bodies in charge of stock assessments and specifically to open the possibility to sign procurement contracts with them.

I look forward to continuing this fruitful exchange of information,

Yours sincerely,



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