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Dear Mr. Sadauskas,

Subject: Your appointment as Deputy Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE)

On behalf of the European Association of Fish Producers Organisations (EAPO) we wish to congratulate you on your appointment as Deputy Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries. EAPO and its members look forward to working with you throughout these challenging times (post-Brexit, post-Covid, current energy crisis) and in the key years ahead for the European fishing sector.

EAPO represents 28 POs from 9 EU Member States, with approximately 10,000 vessels, 3.5 million tonnes of landings and € 3 billion first sale value. EAPO was founded in 1980 and its headquarters are located in Ostend at the Belgian seaside. As an association of European recognised producers organisations, we offer our members support on multiple topics. EAPO assists its members in fulfilling their roles as cornerstones to achieve the objectives of the Common Fishery Policy (CFP) and the Common Market Organisation for Fishery and Aquaculture Products in their respective areas. Therefore Production and Marketing Plans are of great significance and EAPO provides its members with useful advice on the management of their Production and Marketing Plans.

EAPO also aims to improve the relationship between European POs by looking for common grounds in addressing the challenges for the European fisheries, such as targeting a sustainable production through socio-economic viability with respect for the environment.

We look forward to a fruitful cooperation and remain at your disposal to provide relevant information and to discuss EAPO views on how to achieve a European sustainable fisheries and seafood sector and we would very much welcome an opportunity to meet you in Brussels.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ESBEN SVERDRUP JENSEN', written in a cursive style.

Esben Sverdrup Jensen,
President