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**To: DG Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs  
and Fisheries**

**In attention: Mr Joao Aguiar Machado**

Dear Mr Machado,

The Black Sea Advisory Council (BISAC) mission is to promote a balanced representation of all stakeholders in the fisheries and aquaculture sector and to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy of the European Union. The BISAC's prerogatives are to address recommendations and proposals to the European Commission and the Member States in order to facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy. These recommendations are developed within working groups, with members of the BISAC, as well as scientific experts, representatives of local and central fisheries authorities.

**According to the European Commission reports, 27% of marine wastes found on beaches are fishing gear (mostly made of plastic). Another report in 2015 shows that losses due to marine waste cost the fishing industry about 62 million euros annually.**

Taking into account all these data, BISAC has dedicated a working group to the debate of marine litter, on 21.11.2018, in Varna. This working group was attended by BISAC members and representatives of DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and the following recommendations were drafted and approved by the Executive Committee of BISAC:

- National funds allocated to fisheries activities for Romania and Bulgaria should be operational and available to NGOs and attractive for fishermen to be accessed and implemented.
- In Bulgaria and Romania a special priority should be given the creation of facilities for the reception of fishery waste, and for this, fishing ports should be a priority.
- In Bulgaria, the procedure for receiving waste from the fishermen should be simplified.

**Through this letter you ask you to take these recommendations into consideration in your work and to take the necessary steps to help reduce the impact of fishing on the marine and coastal environment.**

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### Background information

The Black Sea Advisory Council / BISAC / is a non-profit and publicly-owned legal entity set up on 20.07.2015 in accordance with the provisions of the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act. The association is registered under the Bulgarian legislation with its headquarters in Varna. The members of the Consultative Council are non-governmental associations and organizations whose activities cover all the main fishing areas in Bulgaria and Romania – fishing activity, aquaculture, processing, import and export, retail and wholesale of fish, and fish products. To these are added the representative organizations of other interest groups: environmental protection.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
Secretary General BISAC:

**Florin Luchian**

