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**NOTE TO FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR VELLA  
MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION**

**Subject: Cooperation on IUU issues - Korea and Out of scope –Results of the IUU dialogue process and next steps**

The IUU missions to Korea and Out of scope aimed at assessing the Korean and Out of scope authorities' progress concerning the implementation of the Action Plan agreed with the European Commission in the framework of the IUU dialogue. Both were very positive.

**1. IUU dialogue with Korea**

As regards Korea, at technical level, the discussions focused on the implementation of the remaining actions to achieve all the objectives settled in the Action Plan transmitted to Korea last July 2014.

Article 4(1)(a) and Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001

During the high level meetings with the Korean Minister and Vice Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, we highlighted the positive momentum to look for common areas of interest to work together in the international scene leading a new phase in oceans governance. Korea committed to continue working closely with the EU at international level as leading partners in this file.

Taking into account the progress made by Korea during the IUU dialogue and their current strong political commitment in this international fight, we would propose to begin the internal process for the revocation of the pre-identification Decision.

**2. IUU dialogue with the**

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### 3. Conclusions and proposed way forward

Both Korea and [Out of scope] have advanced pro-actively in their fisheries reforms taking ownership of necessary changes and fulfilling the objectives and measures set out in their respective Action Plans. The complexity of both these files render the achievements significant.

Should you agree with the proposed course of action we would suggest taking all necessary administrative steps to ensure that revocations could be approved by College for announcement at the same time as the pre-identification of Thailand.

We intend to continue enhanced technical cooperation with both Korea and [Out of scope] providing help and advice on any issue concerning fight against IUU that the countries deemed important.

We seek your agreement on the proposed way forward in the cooperation with both countries.

*(signed)*  
Lowri EVANS

C.c. Messrs [Out of scope] Artcile 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001  
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