

ANNEX

*CRITERIA FOR CLASSIFYING MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCILS UNDER THE CATEGORIES 'SECTOR ORGANISATIONS' OR 'OTHER INTEREST GROUPS'*

- 1. An organisation shall be classified 'sector organisation' when at least one of the following criteria is met:**
  - (a) the organisation represents or has economic interests in the commercial fishing, aquaculture, processing, marketing, distribution or retail sector;
  - (b) members of this organisation, either natural or legal persons, represent or have economic interests in the commercial fishing, aquaculture, processing, marketing, distribution or retail sector;
  - (c) the organisation is funded by undertakings active in the field of commercial fishing, aquaculture, processing, marketing, distribution or retail of seafood.
  
- 2. An organisation shall be classified 'other interest group' when all following criteria are met:**
  - (a) the organisation is independent, in particular from government, other public authorities, from political parties or from economic interests linked to commercial fishing, aquaculture, processing, marketing, distribution or retail of seafood;
  - (b) the organisation is primarily active in the field of environment, consumers or human rights, health, animal welfare or recreational or sport fishing.