



ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
OF FISHING ENTERPRISES IN THE EU

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Dear Commissioner Arias Cañete,

As you are well aware, ministers met today for the Foreign Affairs Council to discuss the issue of climate diplomacy, following the global agreement on climate change reached in Paris at the end of last year. The aim of the Council is to approve a plan of action on how to implement the objectives of the agreement.

The plan of action will mean that the EU will highlight their determination to make the fight against climate change a priority in all diplomatic fora in order to support a low-carbon economy throughout the EU.

The ramifications of the agreement and subsequent plan of action are wide ranging and affect all sectors. On behalf of the main representative body of the fishing sector, it would be of great necessity to us if you could outline how European fisheries will factor in this plan of action and to what extent it will cover our operations.

At Europêche, our mission has always been to promote responsible and sustainable fishing practices that not only ensure a healthy and diverse marine environment but preserve an economically and socially sustainable fishing sector. With this view in mind, it is important for our sector to be aware of how fisheries will be dealt with in this plan so we can adapt to any developments in a timely manner in order to ensure our vulnerable sector is long-lasting.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Javier Garat

President of Europêche