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Dear Mr Srour,

I have been informed by UNEP/MAP representatives at the GFCM meeting being held currently in Rome that a draft resolution is being submitted regarding SPAMIs establishment that provides for harmonization of SPAMIs management measures with GFCM fisheries policies and regulations in the Mediterranean.

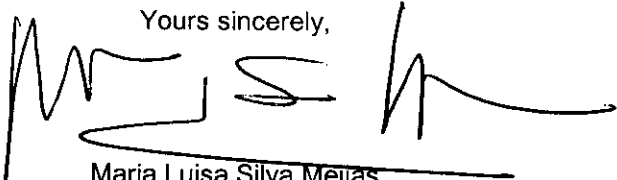
UNEP/MAP looks forward to a close cooperation with GFCM on issues of common interest including the protection of biodiversity through the establishment of SPAMI which are foreseen under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean adopted in 1995 by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean.

In this context, I would like to kindly request the discussions on SPAMI be postponed so as to allow advance proper consideration of your proposal and necessary consultations to be held.

UNEP/MAP looks forward to enhance our cooperation and formalize it through an MoU signed by both parts as previously discussed and agreed in principle.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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