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Subject: invitation to become member of the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission (EIFAAC)

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Dear **non-EIFAAC Member in the European region,**

I have the pleasure to invite **[name of country]** to become member of the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission (EIFAAC) and benefit from its valuable work.

EIFAAC promotes the long-term sustainable development, utilization, conservation, restoration and responsible management of European inland fisheries and aquaculture, consistent with the objectives and principles of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and other relevant international instruments.

Most countries in Europe are member of this statutory body of FAO. Currently EIFAAC has 34 countries and the European Union as member.

EIFAAC was established in 1957 and has held 30 sessions since its establishment. The sessions are organized every 2 years. The 31st session of EIFAAC is scheduled to take place in Killarney, Ireland on 22-24 June 2022.

Specific information on EIFAAC and its membership can be found at: <https://www.fao.org/fishery/en/organization/rfb/eifaac>

The benefits of EIFAAC membership are large and involve the participation in regional projects on inland fisheries and aquaculture, access to high quality scientific and management advice, capacity building transfer of fishing and aquaculture technologies and innovations. As a member you will have access to an international network of organizations working on inland fisheries and aquaculture; a network that produces knowledge and advice for decision making by members, including the European Union. EIFAAC is a unique tool for advancing fisheries management in transboundary river systems, conservation and restoration of inland fish habitats.

EIFAAC unites inland fisheries and aquaculture experts in Europe, contributing to mutual understanding, collaboration and friendship in the region.

The costs involved in EIFAAC membership are low, and involve mainly the costs of participation of delegates from your country in the sessions and expert meetings. Inland fisheries and aquaculture experts from your country who participate in EIFAAC projects will be requested to contribute their time.

If [name of country] would like to become member of EIFAAC, you should inform the FAO Director General, Dr. QU Dongyu of your wish to become member. A formal letter from the minister to the FAO Director General would be sufficient.

At this moment, [name of country] is one of the few countries in Europe, which is not yet member of EIFAAC. The large majority of the European countries is effectively collaborating with EIFAAC on many subjects.

Please find attached the report of the latest EIFAAC session, information about the upcoming symposium and session. A sample membership letter is provided in the annex for in case [name of country] decides to become EIFAAC member.

For additional information, or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact the EIFAAC Secretary.

I thank you in advance for your attention and would welcome EIFAAC membership of [name of country] to realize together sustainable inland fisheries and aquaculture development and management throughout Europe.

Yours sincerely

[signature]

Mr. Petri Heinimaa
Chair of the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission

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Annex

(SAMPLE)

Attn.

Dr. QU Dongyu

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cc. EIFAAC-Secretariat@fao.org

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Dear Dr. QU Dongyu,

The Government of [**name of country**] has the honour to refer to the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission (EIFAAC), approved by the FAO Council under Article VI of the FAO Constitution, through Resolution 3/140, on 3 December 2010, and to inform the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that the Government of [**name of country**] hereby accepts the Statutes of EIFAAC and undertakes to abide by its provisions.

The Government of [**name of country**] would like to inform you that the following national institute [**name of institute/organization**] shall provide the Operational Focal Point for purposes of communication of matters relating to EIFAAC.

[Place and date]

[Signature by one of the following authorities]

- Minister of Foreign Affairs **or**
- Minister of Department concerned

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