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Dear

The Report on Fleet Statistics, in the preparation of which your co-operation was highly appreciated, was adopted by the Committee for Fisheries at its meeting of 11th/13th March. It will be circulated in a few weeks time.

As you will remember this only covered vessels above 100 G.R.T. and now the intention is to undertake the same kind of work for the boats below this limit. For this purpose an experts meeting is being convened for 2nd/3rd July (the dates have been chosen so that it will follow a meeting convened by I.C.E.S. on the measurement of fishing effort).

In the meantime, the Secretariat will prepare a basic document which will list:

- the fishing craft characteristics for which data is at present collected in the Member countries at the national level.
- the fleet statistics which are at present published by the Member countries.

To help us in the preparation of this document, I would be most grateful if you could supply:

- a list of the characteristics covered by your present national collection scheme (this could be made as you feel best, but it might facilitate your work if you use the O.E.C.D. list for the vessels above 100 G.R.T., cross out those characteristics which do not apply and add those which are not mentioned). At the same time it would be helpful if you could send specimens of the forms used for collecting and recording the information (eventually with translation into English or French).
- the latest printed or mimeographed fleet statistics which are available in your country.

Could you possibly send me this information by mid-May.

Furthermore, may I assume that the expert for your country would be the same as for the similar meeting held last year, i.e. Mr. and that I can correspond directly with him in this respect in the hope that he will be attending the meeting in July?

Yours faithfully,

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