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[REDACTED] Humberto,

Here is a short debrief of the meeting between FACE and the Commissioner.

In few words: Nothing very striking except that FACE proposes to have a structured dialogue with the EC involving BirdLife. The Cner reserved his answer but said that it is a reasonable proposal and would come back to them.

General points

FACE President [REDACTED]:

- There was a better dialogue with EC in the past. Would like to restore that and proposes to have regular meetings with EC involving BirdLife ("structured dialogue").
- EC listens more to the media than to the hunters
- FACE focuses on the CAP, Farm to F. strategy, Biodiversity Str. , large carnivores but has disagreements with EC.
- Does not support the EC's approach on lead but will focus today on the Birds Directive (BD).
- Constructive meeting. FACE will issue a communication after the meeting (will be sent to the Cner before). Would like to meet again in spring.

Cner:

- Will reply later about the proposal to set/restore a structured dialogue but that sounds reasonable.
- Welcomes the involvement of hunters in habitat management
- Issues can be solved. Happy to discuss ways to restore favourable conservation status.
- Constructive meeting.

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FACE [REDACTED]:

- Supports the development of the Adaptive Harvest Management Mechanism (AHMM), happy with the on-going contract and the workshops of June
- More attention to habitats needed.
- Hunters do a lot for the habitats (in FR, ES) and the species. FACE has data and will provide more information.

- Hunting has been much reduced (by 80% in FR) further to the infringement but is necessary to keep the interest of hunters. A ban on hunting would harm habitat management measures (ES: renting hunting possibilities generate money for habitat management)
- Digital application to report the hunting bags in FR and ES
- Development of a Management Plan at FR level
- Bad experience with moratoria. Often synonym of a permanent ban.
- CAP (money) is important for restoring habitats.

Cner:

- Efforts needed on pressures, in particular on restoring habitats.
- Current hunting levels are not sustainable. Need to suspend hunting pending the adoption of the AHMM that will set a possible sustainable hunting bag.
- MS have to comply with the BD. Indeed, the EC focuses more on compliance.
- Any hunting of a species in decline should be part of a MP that addresses the causes of the decline. Not new.
- EC appreciates efforts by hunters but an overview of the effectiveness of the measures is lacking. The contract will provide information.
- Important to fully involve hunters in the development of the AHMM.

Traditional hunting practices:

FACE ():

- Concerns 100,000 hunters in FR. Regulated, selective, small number, no impact on biodiversity, cultural heritage. Does the EU want to
- ECJ is very restrictive. Unhappy with EC's approach.
- Will be more difficult to support the BD if the EC keeps opening infringements!
- Will provide more information on the selectivity in writing.

Cner:

- Non selective methods are prohibited. The lime sticks (glue) are not selective.
- EC will enforce the BD.
- Derogations are possible but very strict conditions. Many trapped/hunted species in FR are not in a good status.