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Dear Charles,

EM 13389/19: RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION AUTHORISING THE OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR THE CONCLUSION OF A SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AND A PROTOCOL WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK AND THE HOME RULE GOVERNMENT OF GREENLAND

13389/19 ADD 1: ANNEX TO THE RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

13389/19 ADD 2: COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION ACCOMPANYING THE RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

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Thank you for your letter of 5th March 2020.

The Government engages regularly with the Greenlandic authorities across a variety of policy areas. In relation to fisheries, recent engagement has centred on, for example, the UK's application for membership of the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), the Greenlandic position on North-East Atlantic mackerel, as well as our long-term bilateral relationship.

With respect to the current EU-Greenland SFPA, the UK received in 2020 quota for four stocks to the value of c.£1.2m, the most valuable stock being Greenland cod.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash MP, Chairman of the European Scrutiny Committee. I am also copying this letter to the Clerks of the Commons and Lords Committees, Jessica Mulley and Chris Johnson respectively; Les Saunders, Cabinet Office; and Steve Wigham, Defra Scrutiny Co-ordinator.



Yours sincerely,

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