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Dear Victoria,

**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**

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

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

**EM 13389/19 ADD 3: COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT:
EVALUATION ACCOMPANYING THE RECOMMENDATION FOR A
COUNCIL DECISION**

Thank you for your letter dated 28 May on the above Recommendation, which was considered by our Environment Sub-Committee on 15 July 2020.

We note and support your general intention to seek a fair and balanced deal across the UK's fishing arrangements with other coastal States, which maximises the UK's fishing opportunities and ensures the sustainable management of shared stocks in line with the scientific advice. We support a continuing fisheries relationship with Greenland on this basis. We also note your statement that any future UK-Greenland fisheries arrangements will not be based on financial payments for fishing quota.

We would remind you that the quota to which the UK gained access through the EU-Greenland SFPA had a value of approximately £1.2m in 2020, and it is important for the fishers who make use of that quota to be informed of the post-2020 arrangements as soon as possible.

We are now content to close this correspondence.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash MP, Chair of the Commons European Scrutiny Committee; Jessica Mulley, Clerk to the Commons Committee; Les Saunders, Cabinet Office; and John Leach, Departmental Scrutiny Coordinator.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Kinnoull', with a horizontal line underneath.

Lord Kinnoull
Chair of the European Union Committee