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Dear Victoria,

COM(2020) 637: Recommendation for a Council Decision to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the European Union for the conclusion of the Fisheries Agreement with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Norway

Thank you for your letter dated 24 November on the above Recommendation, which was considered by our Environment Sub-Committee on 9 December 2020.

Thank you for your explanation that you do intend to reach a trilateral fishing agreement with Norway and the EU; and for clarifying that you intend to negotiate the total allowable catches (TACs) for 2021 before embarking on those negotiations.

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.

Lord Kinnoull
Chair of the European Union Committee