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Dear Lord Ricketts,

I wrote to you on 8 and 20 December 2023 about the UK-EU, UK-EU-Norway and UK-Norway fisheries agreements for 2024. I am now pleased to inform you that on 1 March the UK also reached an agreement with the Faroe Islands.

The deal secured quota exchanges of key stocks, such as haddock and saithe in Faroese waters and we estimate the quota secured to be worth up to £6.4m to the UK fleet.

The deal also reconfirms the UK and Faroese commitments to cooperate on monitoring, control, and surveillance measures, as well as scientific cooperation to promote sustainable fisheries.

This now concludes the annual fisheries negotiations for 2024.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash CH, Chair of the European Scrutiny Committee; the Clerks of the Commons and Lords EU Committees; Les Saunders, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office; and the Defra Scrutiny Co-ordinator.

Yours sincerely,

Rt. Hon. Mark Spencer MP