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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 Explanatory Memorandum (EM) on the above Recommendation, which was considered by our Energy and Environment Sub-Committee at its meeting on 4 March 2020.

We note that the EU-Greenland Agreement will cease to have effect in the UK after the transition period. Do you intend to seek an equivalent UK-Greenland Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement? If so, when do you anticipate those negotiations beginning? And if not, what is your assessment of the impact on the UK catching and processing industry of losing access to the Greenlandic quota?

The Committee continues to take an active interest in this matter and we would therefore welcome being kept updated on developments. We look forward to a response within ten working days.

I am copying this letter to the 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