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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Delegations  
Subject: Atlanto Schandian herring / Faroe Islands  
- *exchange of letters*

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Delegations will find attached a copy of the exchange of letters<sup>1</sup> on the above-mentioned subject received from the Commission Services.

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<sup>1</sup> Distributed as ND 187/14 on 27 June 2014.



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Cabinet of Commissioner Maria Damanaki  
Head of Cabinet

Brussels, 27 June 2014  
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Your Excellency,

Please find enclosed the original letter from Ms Maria Damanaki, Member of the European Commission, addressed to H.E. Mr Kaj Leo Hom Johannesen, Prime Minister and Mr Jacob Vestergaard, Minister of Fisheries of the Faroe Islands.

I should be grateful if you would pass this letter on to them.

Thanking you in advance, I have the honour to be, Madam,

Yours faithfully,

Themis Christophidou

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Brussels, 27 June 2014  
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Dear Prime Minister Johannesen, Dear Minister Vestergaard,

I take note of your letter of 12 June 2014. I understand that the Faroe Islands have taken a decision that sets the catch level of the Faroe Islands for 2014 at 40,000 tonnes. I also understand that this is without prejudice to the forthcoming coastal state negotiations on the joint management of Atlanto-Scandian herring which seek to agree upon the measures necessary to coordinate and ensure the conservation and development of this stock in sustainable conditions.

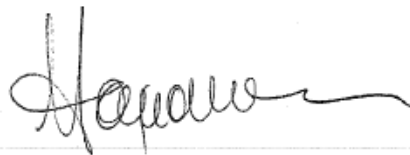
Based on the above understanding, I confirm that the representative of the European Commission will, under Article 8 of the Trade Measures Regulation (EU) No 1026/2012, submit for examination to the Committee a draft implementing act providing that Commission Implementing Regulation No 793/2013 of 20 August 2013 establishing measures in respect of the Faroe Islands ceases to apply.

Further, I confirm the understanding that the Parties will request, on a joint basis, the arbitral tribunal under Annex VII to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (PCA case no. 2013-30) to order the stay of the arbitral proceedings pending the adoption by the European Commission of the implementing act providing that Implementing Regulation No 793/2013 of 20 August 2013 ceases to apply.

The necessary steps will also be taken so that, within one week from the publication of such implementing act, provided that the date of its entry into force is not ulterior to that date, the Parties request on a joint basis the arbitral tribunal to terminate the proceedings in the PCA case No 2013-30. I also acknowledge that the Parties to the dispute will within the same timeframe request the withdrawal of the proceedings in the World Trade Organization in the dispute DS469.

The above is without prejudice to the rights and duties of the Respondent under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Mr Kaj Leo Holm Johannesen  
Prime Minister of the Faroe Islands

Mr. Jacob Vestergaard  
Minister of Fisheries of the Faroe Islands