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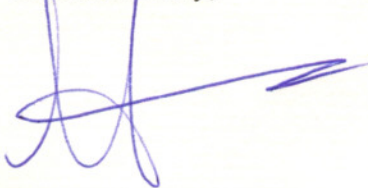
Dear Mr Andersson,

I thank you for your letter of 8 July 2010 in which you look back on over five years as Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the North Sea Regional Advisory Council.

You also attached a set of considerations prepared by the NSRAC on future governance within a reformed Common Fisheries Policy. I am very thankful for this and earlier contributions. I appreciate the endeavors of the North Sea RAC on the important issues of the reform debate. As you know, I am very much in favor of a regionalization that enables moving away from micro-management at the central level, and more effective management at the regional level that allows for more tailor-made solutions in implementing the policies and legislation. This should also definitely allow for more industry responsibility. I have not taken a definitive position on how this system should be shaped up, but you can be assured that the positive results from the introduction of regional advisory processes should be fully reflected in the future setup. I am counting on the NSRAC for continued contributions to the debate and our work on the reform in general.

On a personal note I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for all the effort and enthusiasm you have shown as in developing and constructing a visible and productive regional advisory council that has been able to forward an impressive list of opinions, advice and products and hence has converted itself in an influential factor in the fisheries realm. In particular I would like to point to the fact that you have been capable of bringing together persons and organizations that were not used to meeting and reaching agreement on complex issues of fisheries management before the days of the RAC's. These accomplishments indicate that you were the right person on the right job! Once more I would like to congratulate you on this and thank you sincerely for all the effort that you have put in your work. In saying farewell I wish you all the best for your future activities.

Yours sincerely,



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