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Dear Commissioner,

I have the honour to forward herewith a non-paper concerning the application of state control over harvesting of sedentary species.

I will appreciate if you circulate the information contained therein to EU Member States on an urgent basis.

Sincerely yours,

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Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
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Non-Paper

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Notices to Mariners (edition 36, Nos. 4801-4932, available on the official web site of the Russian Ministry of Defence since 23 August 2016 and entering into force on 3 September 2016) includes information on the publication of charts outlining the boundaries of the Russian continental shelf in the central part of the Barents Sea. Their copies will be shortly deposited with the UN Secretary-General.

According to the requirements of Russian legislation the Border Service of the Federal Security Service, as the competent authority for protecting and safeguarding economic and other legitimate interests of the Russian Federation on its continental shelf, is empowered to apply as of 4 September 2016 state control measures over the harvesting of sedentary species.

Since the Russian side has not granted permissions for such an activity to foreign entities, and there is no specific agreement with the EU regulating the above-mentioned harvesting, the European Commission is kindly requested to circulate this information among EU Member States at its earliest convenience.