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Dear Mr. Røksund!

The Russian Federation and the Kingdom of Norway, following the provisions of Article 77 of the UN Convention from 10 December 1982, have made coordinated statement concerning their exclusive rights to carry out fishery of snow crab in the Regulatory Area of NEAFC in the Barents sea.

However, the vessels of some member states of the European Union continue fishery of this kind of aquatic bioresources on the Russian part of continental shelf in the open part of the Barents sea. The Russian Party did not grant permissions for carrying such activity and do not has any agreements with the European Union on such fishery.

Taking into consideration the common interest of our countries in preventing illegal, unreported and unregulated fishery of marine living resources, we support the suggestion of the Norwegian Party to ban discharge of snow crab by vessels of member states of the European Union, carrying out fishery in the mentioned region, at the ports of Norway.

Yours sincerely,

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