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Deputy Secretary General

To the Russian Federal Agency for Fishery

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Follow-up of the meeting about snow crab during NAMFC

I refer to the agreed upon minutes from the meeting between yourselves and the Minister of Fisheries Elisabeth Aspaker on 17 July in Malta, and the agreement between us stating that sedentary species in the Barents Sea, including snow crab, are subject to Norwegian and Russian jurisdiction in accordance with Article 77 of the Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Due to the fact that vessels from other countries are currently active in the area, I consider it appropriate that Norway and Russia continue to act in a coordinated manner regarding the further work in order to gain support for this. I also consider it appropriate that we discuss the future management of snow crab at the upcoming session of the Joint Norwegian-Russian Fisheries Commission.

I also suggest that in the period leading up to a management scheme, Norwegian and Russian vessels be allowed to continue their current activities in the Loop Hole so as to avoid any unnecessary disturbance of the economic activities.

Kind regards

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