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Dear Mr Cabral,

Thank you for the LDRAC paper on the management of the Redfish stock. I have taken note of your concerns with regard to redfish in ICES Sub-Areas I and II. I understand that it has already been agreed that John Spencer from DG Mare will meet representatives of the RAC in London on 8 October at the time of the Coastal State consultations on redfish.

The issue of fisheries in the Svalbard Fishery Protection Zone is extremely complex, having both political and legal ramifications for both Member States and for the European Union as a whole. The Commission is very attentive and sensitive to this issue, which goes well beyond fisheries, and continues to endeavour to find a balanced approach, which enables it to support EU fishing interests. This approach is kept constantly under review.

The Commission looks forward to a constructive exchange of views with the RAC in the margins of the Coastal State consultations in London.

I thank you for your continued interest. If you have any further question, you can contact Ms Evangelia Georgitsi, coordinator of the Regional Advisory Councils (evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.04.43).

Yours sincerely,



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