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Mr Karmenu Vella
European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Dear Commissioner,

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In any case, as members of the Fisheries Committee in the EPP Group, we would like to stress that the matter of fisheries in the relations with the United Kingdom is very important, notably access to waters and resources.

In this regard, we would like to convey that in the future, should a no-deal Brexit take place, if European fishermen were not allowed access to UK waters and resources, we would not support that UK fisheries products could freely enter the European market.

Additionally, we consider that the future trade and economic framework between the EU and the UK, through an economic partnership agreement (or a customs union, or a free trade agreement) should be accompanied by another agreement which provides for reciprocal access to waters and resources. Furthermore, this agreement on the future economic relation should not enter into force before the agreement on access to waters and fisheries resources.

This double linkage between, on the one hand, access to waters and fisheries products and, on the other hand, between a future trade and economic agreement and an agreement on reciprocal access to waters and resources, is the position which has been maintained by the Chief Negotiator of the European Commission himself, Michel Barnier, and by the European Council as well.

Given that the aforementioned contingency measures have just been adopted by the Parliament, we would like to convey our support to this double linkage. This is the position which was

stressed by the President of the Fisheries Committee, Alain Cadec, yesterday in his speech in the Plenary of the European Parliament on the occasion of the adoption of the package of contingency measures.

We expect that our point of view will be taken into account by you when within the scope of your competences the relations between the EU and the UK are addressed.

A similar letter has been sent to Commissioner Malmström and to Chief Negotiator Barnier.

We thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,

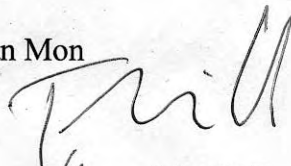
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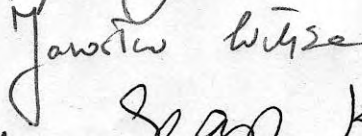
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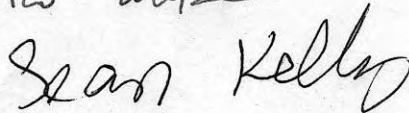
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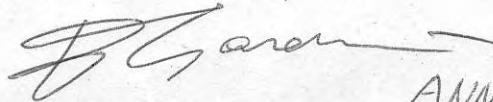
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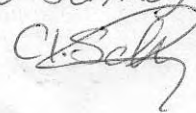
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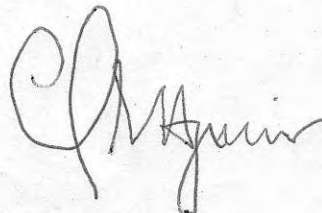
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Mr Michel Barnier

European Chief Negotiator for the United Kingdom Exiting the European Union

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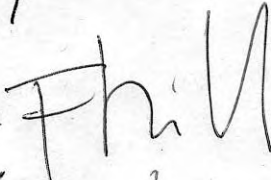
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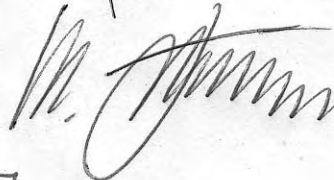
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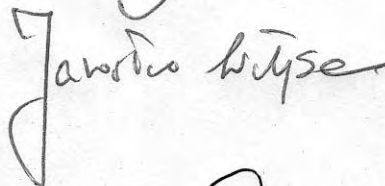
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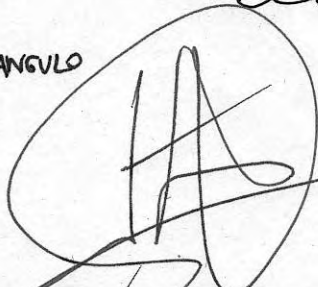
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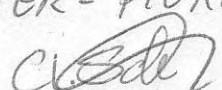


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Ms Cecilia Malmström
European Commissioner for Trade

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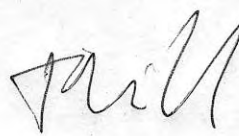
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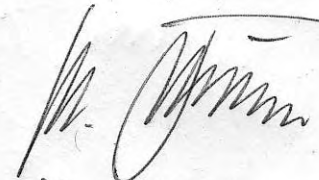
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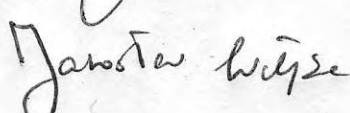
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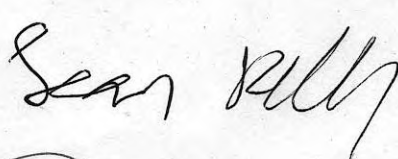
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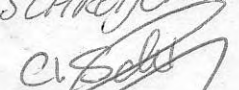


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