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Dear Minister,

I am writing to you again, following my letter of 4 April, in advance of the Fisheries Council meeting on 25 April at which you and your counterparts will discuss the EU's new Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Morocco.

I understand that the UK has still not reached a public position on the possible inclusion in the terms of the Agreement of the waters of Western Sahara. It seems that while several small and medium countries have come out against such an inclusion, the votes of a large country are still needed if a blocking minority is to be formed in the Council. For the reasons laid out in my previous letter, it is vital that the UK set an important international example by taking up this role.

I hope very much that you will use your influence to this end. I look forward to hearing your response to the points I have raised.

Yours sincerely,



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