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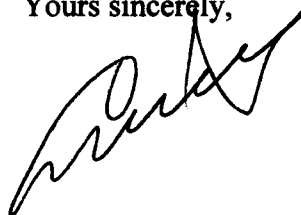
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Dear Dr Lucas,

Thank you for your e-mail of 8th June concerning seal culling and discussions with Russia.

I would like to reconfirm the high priority accorded to the issue of seal culling. A subgroup on Biodiversity Conservation and Nature Protection composed of relevant experts in their fields would indeed be the appropriate forum to pursue the question of the seals and obtain tangible results.

Yours sincerely,



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