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**Subject: Response to notification of Voordelta by the Dutch Government**

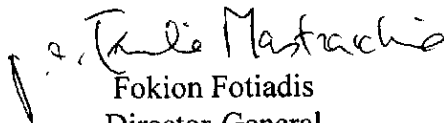
**Dear Mr Andersson,**

Thank you for your letter of 15 May 2008 including the comments of the North Sea RAC on the proposed fisheries measures in the Voordelta area. The Commission will consider them before taking its decision.

As for your reiterated request to the Commission to reconsider the time frame for consultation for this Natura 2000 proposal, allow me to refer to my reply to your previous letter of 17 April. While the Commission is fully aware of the difficulties for all parties to comment in the tight time schedule for consultation under Article 8, it must comply with the legislation in force.

Considering that the plan was first presented to you on 7 April and an extra week was then granted by the Dutch authorities because of small changes to the document, this has given you five weeks to respond. I take note that you have been able to respond within this timeframe with accurate comments.

Yours sincerely,

  
Fokion Fotiadis  
Director-General