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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter dated 8 July 2006 in which you proposed a scoping study on the plaice box and its estimation of costs.

Having carefully considered your request for funding, I regret to inform you that the Commission is not able to finance scientific studies which could be conducted by its own scientific bodies and which moreover have not been foreseen in its annual work programme for grants and procurements.

For the sake of transparency and in accordance with the internal rules on the implementation of the budget, the Commission can co-finance studies only if these actions have been included in the annual work programme for grants and procurements and are submitted to a procedure of call of proposals.

We could however consider the possibility of requesting STECF to carry out a similar study, and would be happy to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,

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acting Head of Unit