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Please note that the same letter will be transmitted to Mr Sven Auken, Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the Folketing.

Yours sincerely,

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