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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Folketing for its Opinion concerning the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management {COM(2013) 133 final} and apologises for the delay in replying.

The Commission takes note of the Folketing's concerns regarding the powers the proposal would give the Commission by means of implementing acts and of the opinion of the Folketing that these should be circumscribed.

The Commission would wish to highlight that the proposed Directive defines precisely the limits of the implementing powers that would be conferred to the Commission. Those powers would focus, first, on the sharing of data and interfacing with existing data management process, and, secondly, on the coherence of reporting on the Directive implementation with other reporting requirements, revision cycles, the format of cross-border cooperation and public participation. Implementing Acts are necessary to ensure consistent implementation of the Directive throughout the EU. They would allow the Commission to set shared standards for implementation based on best practices in Member States.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the concerns raised by the Folketing and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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