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Adina-Ioana Vălean
Commissioner for Transport
European Commission

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Dear Commissioner Adina-Ioana Vălean,

Please accept my warmest congratulations on your appointment as Commissioner for Transport.

As a nation with strong maritime interests, the Danish Government is deeply committed to ensuring the quality and competitiveness of the European maritime transport sector, which is of vital importance to the European economy and labour market. However, climate change and global competition challenge the prosperity of the maritime transport sector in Europe.

To face these challenges, I consider it the joint task of the new Commission and the Member States to ensure a viable European maritime transport sector. A sector that is a global maritime power hub for quality shipping and can place key strategic priorities onto the global agenda.

This includes transforming the EU into a key driver for decarbonisation and green growth, whilst also providing attractive framework conditions for the shipping industry to increase the attractiveness of EU Member State ship registries.

To make sure shipping can reach zero emissions, research and development of new technologies and fuels is needed. This is crucial if the maritime sector is to decarbonise fully, and the EU can play a major role in this regard. In addition, it is paramount that a global ambitious goal-based regulation is adopted as soon as possible within the IMO to make sure the sector starts decarbonisation. In anticipation of such results, we also need to make sure that any EU measures with regard to greenhouse gas emissions from shipping are flag neutral, avoid carbon leakage and do not hinder the development of global rules within the IMO. That way, emissions can be brought down effectively and fair competition on the world market for the European maritime sector is ensured.

Speaking more generally, in a global perspective, the key role of the EU is to support the enforcement and harmonisation of the global regulatory framework developed in organisations such as the International Maritime Organization and the International Labour Organization.

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Finally, I believe it is only by setting ambitious goals for the maritime sector that the EU can pave the way for a high level of competence being available in the future.

The Danish government and I look forward to working actively with you and the new Commission with the aim of creating a prosperous and competitive European maritime transport sector.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Simon Kollerup". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Simon Kollerup