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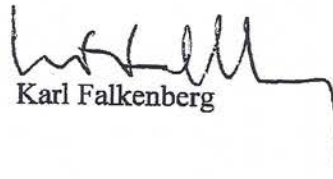
Sir Ivan Rogers
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Sir,

Following your letter of 14 March 2014 from Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar providing clarifications to the number of questions raised by the Spanish Government concerning several activities in and off the coast of Gibraltar, such as bunkering activities, the Eastside or Sovereign Bay Project, and the North West Artificial Reef System, I would like to inform you that my services have now assessed the standpoints of both Member States and, based on the evidence produced, have come to the conclusion that we are unable to identify any breach of EU environmental legislation.

Notwithstanding, my services would like again to invite both sides to cooperate with one another in order to find amicable ways of ensuring that the nature interests in the protected sites and disputed marine territory are managed and protected in a coherent and effective manner. The Commission remains ready to assist and to respond positively to any steps in this regard.

Yours faithfully,


Karl Falkenberg