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Dear Prime Minister,

Fishing Industry in Hull

As indicated in the letter to you of the 20th March, written by Councillor Doyle, the Leader of the City Council, a further meeting of all interested parties in the Fishing Industry was held in the Guildhall on the 21st March, to consider the present situation.

The financial assistance proposed by your Government and the reduction in fish landing charges, introduced by the British Transport Docks Board, were discussed. Whilst these were welcomed it was felt that such measures would create only a marginal improvement for a limited period. The reduced landing charges will operate only until the end of April and the financial assistance proposed by your Government is intended to cover the period until the 30th September. In addition, such assistance is directed solely to the fish producing organisations and would not necessarily be used for the benefit of all the fish based industries in the City.

I was accordingly asked by the meeting to write to you to express the continued concern of all parties in the Industry for the future of the Fish Industry in the City and to request that funds be made available directly for the preservation of the Fish landing facilities in the City until the future of the Industry can be assured by the settlement of an acceptable common fisheries policy.

In relation to the latter point, the meeting had in mind that to some extent, in the short term, the continued existence of the landing facilities in the City will be dependent on landings from foreign trawlers and consequently funds should be available so that dock charges, for the use of such facilities, are attractive to foreign trawlers.

Yours sincerely,

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Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister,
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