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Cabinet of Commissioner Johannes Hahn
Head of Cabinet

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Subject: Situation of the navigation conditions on the Danube

Dear Mr Capatu,

Dear Mr Seitz,

Thank you very much for your letter informing Vice-President Kallas and Commissioner Hahn about the problematic situation of the navigation on the Danube. The impact is indeed serious for industry and can affect the general economic situation of the whole region.

I agree with you that something needs to be done. I took note of your proposal to establish a taskforce to monitor the situation. Meanwhile, I think urgent action should be taken on the ground.

We have already initiated a dialogue with our colleagues in the Directorate-General for Mobility & Transport in order to identify solutions to this problem. Once a set of actions is agreed between us, we will come back to you with further details.

It is the intention of Commissioner Hahn to work with the Priority Area Coordinators of the Navigability Priority Area of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, and with the Transport Ministers of the countries concerned, as well as with the support of organisations like yours, to achieve stable navigation conditions.

Yours sincerely,

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