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Dear Minister Bruus,

I would like to thank you for the productive exchange at the Danish-German Collaborative Conference in Sonderborg this February. It was a pleasure to meet you again and to discuss perspectives on strengthened Danish-German cooperation on improving the aquatic environment in Flensburg Fjord.

Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein are facing similar challenges in many areas. From climate protection and energy transition to marine protection. To move forward in protecting the Baltic Sea, I look forward to deepening and accelerating the collaboration both on a political level and between administrations in our two countries.

As discussed in Sonderborg I propose to outline a joint letter of intent with our shared goals and priorities of action in the transboundary catchment area and coastal water bodies of Flensburg Fjord, which we could officially sign before summer this year.

In this general agreement I suggest to include the following objectives:

- 1 Establish a joint administrative structure to coordinate local activities while engaging and strengthening the cross-boundary network of citizens and stakeholders
- 2 Collate the national approaches in implementing the Water Framework Directive and other EU and regional directives or recommendations
- 3 Exchange, refine and combine existing modelling approaches to deepen the understanding of hydrological processes and the aquatic ecosystem
- 4 Compile a cross-boundary quality status report on the current environmental condition
- 5 Account for the effects of climate change and consider the need for adaptation measures
- 6 Develop joint measures for effective cross-boundary action to improve the ecological condition of Flensburg Fjord, reduce pressures, promote biodiversity and conserve our natural capital

A temporary working group with participants from both Germany and Denmark could pave the way for a more permanent administrative structure that then coordinates and advances activities of a multi-year, Danish-German model project.

Contact person in the Schleswig-Holstein Ministry for Energy Transition, Climate Protection, Environment and Nature for closer collaboration regarding Flensburg Fjord will be Dr. Katrin Schertenleib ([katrin.schertenleib@mekun.landsh.de](mailto:katrin.schertenleib@mekun.landsh.de); Telephone: +49 431 988 7396).

I am convinced that such a Danish-German project will be a strong signal for cooperation between our two countries.

With this in mind, I look forward to continuing our cooperation and to seeing you again in Schleswig-Holstein or Denmark.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Goldschmidt', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Tobias Goldschmidt

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