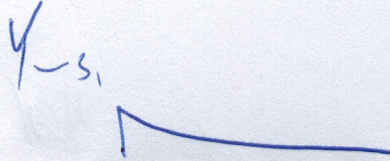


Finally, the UK gave notice of its intention to withdraw from the 1964 London Fisheries Convention on 3 July 2017. This will ensure that we are able to control foreign vessel access to UK waters after we leave the EU. Under the Convention vessels from Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands and Ireland have access to the UK's 6-12 nautical mile zone. UK vessels have reciprocal access to the 6-12 nautical mile zones of these countries. The Convention has a two year notice period for withdrawal. This will make sure that there is a clear and open basis on which to start negotiations on any future fisheries agreements.

Thank you again for your letter.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Gove', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Gove