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Supplementary letter regarding a new investigation of the fire aboard the Scandinavian Star on account of the debate in Folketinget 9th May 2008.

Reading the records from the debate in Folketinget 9th of May 2008 made us very surprised. The reason for our surprise was the obvious lack of objectivity in the statements made by certain debaters. Among other matters it was stated that all aspects of the fire aboard the Scandinavian Star are fully investigated. This is not coherent with the official information from the investigation of the case and such statements are therefore obviously not true. The official fire investigation involves solely what later has been referred to as the main fire (fire number 2 in our report dated 4th of April 2008). The evidence material that our fire investigation is based on along with statements made by other independent experts in the field of fire science such as Kjell Schmidt Pedersen and Öystein Jaeger Meland clearly indicates that the main fire was not only preceded by a smaller fire (fire number 1 in our report dated 4th of April 2008) but also followed by four separate fires (fire number 3, 4, 5 and 6 in our report dated 4th of April 2008).

On account of what our investigation has shown we respectfully ask you to appoint an independent commission with the purpose of making a complete fire investigation. The main objective for such an investigation is to present objective and final answers to the many questions regarding the accident that the victim's families still are struggling with. Furthermore, it is desirable that the citizens of Denmark, Sweden and Norway could regain a sense of belonging to a community where the concept of legal security is held high.

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With best regards

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