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Dear Sigmar Gabriel

Thank you for your letter of July 2009 confirming our mutual ambition to solve the environmental problems in Denmark arising from the sale of beverages in one way drinks packaging in German border shops to Danish consumers.

I agree with your suggestion that the assumptions listed in the annex to your letter should be used as a basis for further talks leading to a practical solution to the problem involving among other things that German border shops will participate in the Danish deposit system under similar conditions as Danish distributors.

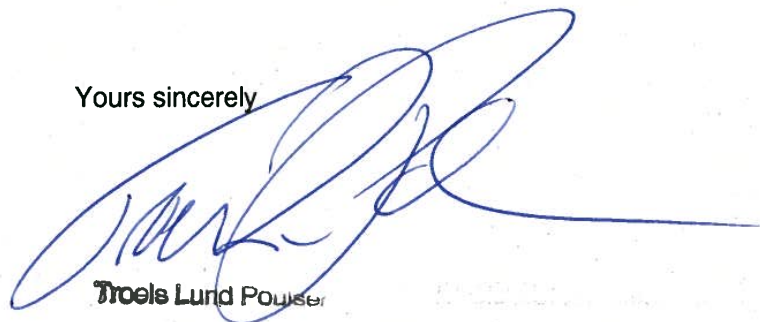
I am certainly also very pleased to learn that these premises for a solution are also supported by the environment ministry of Schleswig-Holstein.

On these premises and after having had initial discussions of the matter with representatives from the Danish deposit system, Danish retailers, and Danish breweries I do share your confidence that a solution practicable for all parties can be found and confirmed in a joint statement in the foreseeable future.

I have now asked my officials to engage the Danish deposit system and other relevant parties in the further work to establish a practical solution and I suggest that our staff keep up their good contacts and agree upon a set up for the negotiations to be carried out in the near future.

It is my ambition that a practical solution should be elaborated and confirmed before the end of 2010.

Yours sincerely



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