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Mr Henrik Dam Kristensen
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Dear Minister,

I would like to inform you that the Commission services have examined carefully your proposal, by your letter of 17/09/2012, to include the sections Aarhus-Frederikshavn and Aarhus-Hirtshals in the core network.

The examination has confirmed that the methodology used to identify the core network allows the acceptance of your proposal, as the proposed sections link the node of Aarhus with the nodes of Goteborg and Oslo respectively.

I have also taken note that the European Parliament tabled an amendment on this issue. My services have duly informed the rapporteurs that the proposed amendment is in line with the methodology. As you know, the TRAN Committee will vote on these amendments on 27 November 2012. Upon a positive vote, there will be a possibility to insert the above sections in the core network.

Once the negotiation between the institutions will start, the Commission will support the inclusion of the road and rail sections Aarhus-Frederiksund and Aarhus-Hirtshals in the core network.

Yours sincerely,



Siim Kallas