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Dear Dr. Stefels,

I am writing on behalf of the SCAR AGCS ('Antarctica and the Global Climate System') Steering Committee to express our strong support for your proposal for a SCOR Working Group on Sea Ice Biogeochemistry. We believe that the activities that such a Working Group would promote and undertake in relation to the transfer of climatically active gases (such as CO<sub>2</sub> and DMS) in the sea ice zone would address several key aspects of Antarctic climate and its global ramifications, as well as important questions regarding the use of sea ice extent proxies measured in ice cores. Both of these themes are at the heart of AGCS research, via programmes such as ASPeCt and ITASE. If your proposal to SCOR is successful, we would very much welcome the participation of Working Group members in our AGCS Steering Committee meetings, and would be keen to organize jointly sponsored workshops on themes of common interest.

I look forward to a fruitful collaboration with you, and wish you very best of luck with your proposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alberto C. Naveira Garabato', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alberto C. Naveira Garabato, on behalf of the SCAR AGCS Steering Committee