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**Regarding judicial review by ClientEarth for the permit issued in Sweden for Nord Stream 2**

Greenpeace Nordic was founded in 1999. We are a regional branch of the non-governmental international environmental organization Greenpeace. Greenpeace Nordic is registered in Stockholm with offices also in Helsinki, Copenhagen and Oslo.

Greenpeace is an international environmental organisation, which uses non-violent, creative confrontation to expose global environmental problems, and to force the solutions, which are essential to a green and peaceful future.

Greenpeace Nordic consists of 110 staff and has 162 000 supporters. We have been protecting the Swedish and Nordic environment since our foundation, intervening in such cases as protecting the Great Northern Forest or stopping drilling for oil in the Arctic.

Given our interest in safeguarding the Swedish and Nordic natural environment, we have been opposed to the Nord Stream 2 pipeline from the moment the investor's detailed plans were revealed. In voicing our opposition, we have taken part in the public consultation process in every country through which the pipeline is due to pass (including Sweden), as well as in the countries which may be affected by the pipeline. Greenpeace has submitted extensive analyses and documents setting forth its arguments against the approval of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline. These arguments refer specifically to the adverse impact of the pipeline on Natura 2000 sites, marine wildlife and birds in the Baltic, the ecological status of the Baltic, protected areas in Russia, as well as deficiencies in the permitting process itself in the countries in which the permitting process was conducted. It is for this reason that we now add our voice to the petition for judicial review brought by ClientEarth before the Swedish Supreme Administrative Court.

Greenpeace Nordic is familiar with ClientEarth's arguments put forward in its petition for judicial review of the Swedish government decision granting permission for the construction of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline. We consider these arguments to be sound and serious, particularly those pertaining to the deficiencies of the public consultation process and the inadequate analysis of the impact of the Nord Stream 2 project on the ecosystem of the Baltic Sea, including Natura 2000 areas located in Sweden.

Greenpeace Nordic attaches particular weight to the statements and arguments made by ClientEarth, as this organization has for over a decade provided a necessary and competent voice for the environmental protection. It is active across Europe, and increasingly across the globe as well, using legal instruments to protect wildlife, ecosystems and promoting a transition from fossil-fuel based energy sources to clean and renewable energy. ClientEarth has acquired considerable public support for its activities, and has gained the respect of fellow environmental NGOs, including Greenpeace.

In Poland, where ClientEarth conducts litigation, engages in policy-making, produces expert analysis and takes part in the public debate concerning environmental policy and law, Greenpeace and ClientEarth have worked jointly on a number of projects, most notably in convincing the European Commission and the Court of Justice of the European Union to stop the illegal logging in the Białowieża Forrest in. Similar activities have been

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undertaken throughout Europe to ensure the natural environment is adequately protected.

Because of the Nord Stream 2 project, we once again find ourselves in a position where we need to guarantee that harm to the European environment is prevented, and for this reason we support ClientEarth in its actions to seek a judicial review for the permit issued in Sweden for Nord Stream 2.

We very much hope that the Supreme Administrative Court will hear the arguments of those who wish for the environment to have a voice and a day in court. This is the interests of all Europeans.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mads Flarup Christensen', followed by a long horizontal line.

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