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Oggetto: STOP Gas and Oil Exploitation in the Adriatic Sea

To the Responsible Governmental Institutions of Croatia, Italy, and Slovenia



Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare – D.G. Valutazioni e Autorizzazioni Ambientali

Ladies and Gentlemen!

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Being a professional pilot, technician, and a recreational sailor for decades, I had the opportunity to see many countries, continents, and areas of mother Earth. Believe me: The most beautiful region on this planet are the coastal waters of Croatia, with its more than one thousand islands, and its sea life. Whenever time allows, I go there for recreation. Countless tourists spend their summer holidays here, thus providing Croatia's main income, and providing lots of jobs in the touristic sector.

I noticed the plans to drill the seabed, to exploit natural gas and oil. As a technician, it is my duty to remind you that technology can never be 100% safe, no matter what industry-driven propaganda wants us to believe: Remember Mayak, Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, Fukushima, the oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico, Prince William Sound, and many similar disasters. After such a catastrophe, the costs to clean up the mess stand in no reasonable relation to the benefits gained before, but the taxpayers are held responsible, not only financially. While yields are privatized, the costs are going to be socialized - I hardly believe this is what "social-democratic" really stands for. On the evidence of these experiences, downplaying the ecological impacts and risks is just lying on yourself, and on the people you are supposed to represent.

You have been elected by your people, you are paid by your people, you took the oath to be loyal, be responsible to your people! Definitely, you are not responsible for any multinational corporation's balance sheets!

But, our generation is responsible for the future of this planet. Deeply concerned, I am writing this letter for the sake of our children, and grandchildren. NOW, WE must invest in alternative methods to provide, and use energy reasonably!

For this reason, I encourage, I support you to STOP GAS AND OIL EXPLOITATION IN THE ADRIATIC, IMMEDIATELY!

Instead, let us invest in research on, and development of clean alternatives - for the sake of our future, in particular the hopes of Europe's young generation, and especially for the sake of Croatia's fragile islands, uniquely scattered in the Eastern Adriatic, like diamonds!

With Kind Regards
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