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**Oggetto:** End the hazardous offshore drilling project in the Adriatic Sea!  
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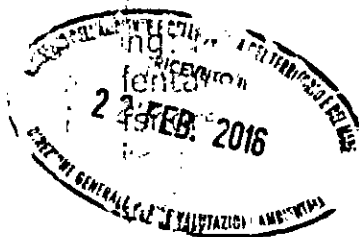
Attached is my comment regarding: Montenegro's Public Consultations for the Draft Report of the Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment for the Program of Exploration and Production of Offshore Hydrocarbons. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Georgeanne Matranga

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Direzione Generale per le Valutazioni e le Autorizzazioni Ambientali

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To Montenegro's Public Consultations for the Draft Report of the Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment for the Program of Exploration and Production of Offshore Hydrocarbons,

I strongly urge the Government of Montenegro to end the hazardous offshore drilling project in the Adriatic Sea. Not only would one oil incident similar to the one in the Gulf of Mexico, permanently destroy the entire ecosystem, but the cumulative effect of the expected expansion of multiple wells creates a permanent pollution situation for the region and the health of its citizens for effectively 30 years!

The negative effects down-current on fishing, tourism, and real estate are amplified due to the direction of major ocean currents that circulate toward Croatia, Slovenia and Italy within the mostly-enclosed Adriatic. Incredibly, some of the granted drilling areas coincide with undersea deposits of unexploded ordnance dating from the 2nd World War and the recent conflict in former Yugoslavia, which further makes this project unsound. This project must be stopped and renewable energy alternatives should be pursued for our future.

Thank you for your attention to my profoundly grave concerns.

Sincerely,

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