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Oggetto: Please stop offshore drilling projects in the Adriatic Sea

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly urge the Government of Montenegro and the Government of Croatia to end their respective hazardous offshore drilling projects in the Adriatic Sea.

Any project needs to be evaluated on the basis of its risks as well as its rewards. To risk the most important industry on which Montenegro and Croatia rely with this kind of a speculative undertaking defies any economic logic. Comparisons with other countries have been made entirely out of context. The Adriatic sea is our MOST IMPORTANT asset. It is already becoming more and more polluted due to increased vessel traffic. Common sense would dictate we start taking immediate measures to protect it from further pollution, not dramatically increase the pollution risk.

Even if there *were* a good economic argument for offshore drilling in the Adriatic (which there isn't, given the risk profile), the governments involved need to acknowledge the fact that having their children swimming in a clean sea is something that their citizens would not willingly trade for any economic benefit.

These projects must be stopped and renewable energy alternatives should be pursued for our future. Why is it that while the rest of the Western world is going in the direction of renewable energy, our governments are claiming economic "progress" by going the opposite way?

Coming from Dubrovnik, I do not acknowledge the right of any government or oil company to potentially destroy my home town. I am sure that residents of other coastal towns regardless of whether or not they are UNESCO protected feel the same way. Hopefully our respective governments will chose to represent our best interests and not those of special interest groups.

Sincerely,

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