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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 second 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.

I sincerely hope the Government of Montenegro will wisely stop the drilling project. Besides having a negative impact on environment, such a project would certainly also negatively impact the flourishing tourism industry in Montenegro which will consequently have direct consequences for the country's economy. This is a very dangerous gamble with no clear advantages, but with enormous potential losses for Montenegro and the region.

Please stop gambling with such precious resources!

With best regards,

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