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Dear ladies and gentlemen,

I strongly urge the Government of Montenegro to end the hazardous offshore drilling project in the Adriatic Sea. Not only could one oil incident 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 World War II 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.

Already the noise employed in searching for hydrocarbon resources is a terrible threat to marine wildlife.

Please stop all exploration and drilling plans in the Mediterranean.

Respectfully, yours

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