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Prime Minister David Oddsson
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Dear Prime Minister,

During recent visits to Iceland, we have heard strong concern expressed by representatives of your fishing industry, and on occasion from members of the general public, that Greenpeace will – sooner or later – launch a campaign against Iceland's commercial fisheries.

For more than 20 years, Greenpeace has campaigned against unsustainable fisheries practices around the globe. At the same time, Greenpeace has promoted sustainable fishing practices, in the UN context as well as in other international fora. Greenpeace fully supports The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and has on several occasions praised Iceland's contribution to the Convention. Greenpeace actively participated in the negotiations for the UN High Seas Fisheries Convention and on numerous occasions supported Iceland's position.

We understand that fisheries are the mainstay of the Icelandic economy. Iceland's efforts to achieve sustainable fisheries are well recognized. Also by Greenpeace.

Best regards,

Gerd Leipold
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Halldor Asgrimsson, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Mr. Arni Matthiesen, Minister of Fisheries