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The Danish Environmental Protection Agency

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Regarding the transboundary strategic environmental assessment of the amendments to Denmark`s Maritime Spatial Plan

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau), acting as a Point of Contact of Latvia regarding Notification in accordance with Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (hereinafter – the Protocol) and the competent authority on the strategic environmental assessment (hereinafter – the SEA) in Latvia, would like to thank the Danish Environmental Protection Agency for information sent concerning notification of the amendments to Denmark`s Maritime Spatial Plan (hereinafter– the Plan) with reference to the Protocol and to Article 7 of the Directive 2001/42/EC of the European parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programs on the environment (hereinafter – the Directive).

The Bureau hereby acknowledges the receipt of the notification.

Please be informed that the Bureau published received information regarding the Plan on the Bureau`s webpage¹ on the 24th of July 2023 and send information directly to the involved authorities. The public concerned was given the opportunity to express comments from 24 of July till 10 of August. The Bureau has received comments regarding the provided documentation, as well as opinions regarding participation in the transboundary SEA from the Ministry of Climate and Energy, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Nature Conservation Agency, the Agency “*Latvian Hydroecology Institute*”, the State Environmental Service, the Kurzeme Planning Region AS “*Augstsprieguma tīkls*” (an independent transmission system operator in the Republic of Latvia).

The Bureau has gathered and evaluated opinions expressed by mentioned stakeholders and agrees with estimation that Latvia is not likely to be affected to such an extent that would require participation in the SEA and transboundary consultations under the Article 10 of the Protocol and to Article 7 of the Directive. Latvia has no significant comments or objections to the Plan and its SEA.

¹<https://www.vpvb.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/par-danijas-juras-telpiska-planojuma-grozijumu-izstradi-un-strategisko-ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejumu>.

Nevertheless, we kindly ask the Danish Environmental Protection Agency to inform us about the findings of transboundary impact, especially if negative impacts on the environment of the territory of Latvia are possible, and the results of the SEA.

Looking forward to successful bilateral cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

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