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The Danish Environmental Protection Agency

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Regarding the transboundary strategic environmental assessment of the proposal for new strategic marine protected areas in Danish waters

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau) would like to thank the Danish Environmental Protection Agency for information sent concerning notification of the proposal for new strategic marine protected areas in Danish waters (hereinafter – the Plan) with reference to the Article 10 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context) (hereinafter – the Protocol) and to the 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 has received comments regarding the provided documentation, as well as opinions regarding participation in the transboundary strategic environmental assessment (hereinafter – the SEA) from the Ministry of Environment Protection and Regional Development, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Economics, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Nature Conservation Agency, and the State Environmental Service. 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.

Nevertheless, we kindly ask the Danish Environmental Protection Agency to inform us about the results of the SEA as well as about the results of the studies carried out and any scientific justifications for the identification of new strategic sites to be protected.

Looking forward to successful bilateral cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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