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Att: CEO, Fridjof C. Eitzen

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RE. YOUR COMPANY AND THE OCCUPATION OF WESTERN SAHARA

Dear Mr. Eitzen

We have the honour to present you with our compliments. We – the Copenhagen-based Global Aktion and the Oslo-based Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara – are writing with regard to Christiania Shipping A/S' role in relation to transports of gas into occupied Western Sahara.

The shipment took place on the vessel *Caroline Theresa* (IMO 942844), arriving the port of Dakhla on 29 August 2024. Dakhla is a city in Western Sahara under Moroccan foreign occupation.

It is not the first time we observe a shipment from a vessel in your fleet. Our two associations wrote your company already on 8 May 2023 regarding the vessel *Cathy Theresa* (IMO 9478315), which arrived the same port of Dakhla on 4 May 2023. Please find that letter here: https://vest-sahara.s3.amazonaws.com/wsrw/feature-images/File/1836/66d1bbo256771_SKVS-GlobalAktion_ChristianiaShipping_08.05.2023.pdf

We sent that same letter to you again on 9 January 2024. We did not receive a response to our two emails. We also contacted your company on 30 August 2024, without response.

The United Nations consider Western Sahara to be a Non-Self-Governing Territory without an administering power in place. As stipulated by the International Court of Justice, and repeated in seven consecutive rulings by the European Court of Justice, Morocco has no sovereignty over or international mandate to administer the territory. Nevertheless, Morocco continues to militarily control three-quarters of the territory.

Incentivized by its exploitation of the territory's resources, Morocco has little interest to genuinely take part in the UN-mediated peace process. Meanwhile, the lingering conflict continues to have a high human and humanitarian cost: over 170,000 Saharawis are stuck in refugee camps in neighbouring Algeria, surviving in harsh desert conditions and dwindling humanitarian aid. Saharawis who live under the yoke of Morocco's occupation are victims of serious human rights violations that have been reported

by the UN Human Rights Committee, in addition to credible international organisations such as Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, and others.

It should be noted that due to the aspects of international law involved, the Norwegian government and the Norwegian Ship Owners' Association both request Norwegian companies to abstain from trade with the territory. The Ship Owner's Association also underlines the reputational risk involved for companies that engage with the annexed territory. <https://www.rederi.no/om-oss/sanksjoner/>

In view of the above, we would appreciate your answer to the following two questions:

1. Has Christiania Shipping currently any agreement to make future calls to Western Sahara?
2. Will Christiania abstain from further transports into the territory as long as it remains under Moroccan occupation?

We take note of the statements on your website regarding the importance of your company acting in accordance with high ethical standards and code of conduct. We are convinced that it is not in the interest of your company to be associated with Morocco's occupation of the territory.

Accordingly, we ask your company to refrain from undertaking such shipments again in the future as long as the territory remains under occupation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information on the above-raised issue. We thank you in advance for your consideration, and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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