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FACT SHEET NORWAY AND THE PELLY AMENDMENT

Under the Whaling Convention Act, the Secretary of Commerce, through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), provides support for U.S. participation in the International Whaling Commission (IWC). NOAA has responsibility for assessing and conserving the nation's living marine resources, and for participating in the development of U.S. positions to further those objectives in international meetings and negotiations.

The Pelly Amendment to the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 requires that the Secretary of Commerce monitor the activities of foreign fishermen. He must certify to the President countries whose nationals are conducting activities that diminish the effectiveness of an international fishery conservation program, such as that of the IWC.

Once the Secretary of Commerce reports to the President that a foreign country is certified under the Pelly Amendment, the President may direct the Secretary of Treasury to prohibit the importation of some, all, or none of the products of the certified country into the United States. If the President decides not to prohibit the importation of fish and wildlife products from the certified country, he must inform Congress of his reasons within 60 days. Options for possible action by the President are being reviewed by an interagency task force coordinated through the National Security Council.

At the 1992 IWC meeting, Norway announced that it would resume commercial whaling in 1993 regardless of the decisions of the IWC. The IWC did not amend the moratorium on commercial whaling at its 1992 and 1993 meetings. Norway then proceeded to commercially harvest 160 minke whales on June 15, 1993. In addition to taking whales for commercial purposes, Norway is also taking whales for a research program that the IWC determined does not meet all IWC criteria established for lethal research. The Secretary of Commerce certified Norway in 1990 for a research program, which ended that year. In 1992, Norway resumed its research program, and was again certified. This year, Norway is continuing its research harvest of whales and will take 136 minkes for a research program still found to be inadequate by the IWC.

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COMMERCE DEPARTMENT CERTIFIES NORWAY
FOR COMMERCIAL WHALING RESUMPTION

In response to Norway's defiance of the international global ban on commercial whaling, the Department of Commerce has taken steps that could result in Norwegian import prohibitions.

In a letter to President Clinton, Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown certified today that Norway's resumption of commercial whaling in June has diminished the effectiveness of the conservation program of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). Norway, the United States, and 38 other nations are members of the IWC, which is dedicated to protecting whale stocks around the world.

Under the Pelly Amendment to the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, the Commerce Secretary is required to notify the President if another nation's fishing operations, including whaling, undermine the effectiveness of an international conservation regime.

The President may direct the Secretary of Treasury to prohibit the U.S. importation of some or all Norwegian products in accordance with the Pelly Amendment. If the President decides not to prohibit the importation of fish and wildlife products from Norway, he must inform Congress of his reasons within 60 days.

Norway is the only country certified under the Pelly Amendment more than twice for its whaling practices in the 22 years that Commerce has administered that law. Norway was certified in 1986, 1990 and 1992. The IWC established a moratorium on commercial whaling that has been in place since 1986. Norway announced before last year's IWC meeting that it would resume its commercial harvest of whales in 1993, regardless of the IWC's action on the commercial whaling moratorium. At both its 1992 and 1993 meetings, the IWC decided to keep the moratorium in place. Norway's commercial harvest of minke whales this summer diminishes the effectiveness the IWC's conservation regime, leading to Secretary Brown's certification.

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ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY

2720 - 34th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

The Ambassador

6 July 1993

Dear Mr. Vice President,

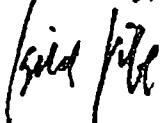
By the Environment Northern Seas Foundation, headquartered in Stavanger, Norway, I have been asked to transmit to you the enclosed invitation to convey your greetings to the ENS '93 Conference to be held in Stavanger towards the end of August.

The main focus of the ENS Foundation is on onshore and offshore environmental challenges pertaining to sustainable development in marine and coastal regions. The approach is inter-sectorial and globally orientated, yet with a focus on Northern waters and adjacent coastal regions (the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, the North Atlantic, the Barents Sea and the Polar Basin).

The Foundation expresses the hope that a greeting of some 3-5 minutes might be transmitted, either by video-tape or directly via satellite to the opening session on Tuesday afternoon, 24 August.

Further information about the scope of the Conference, about its participants and key note speakers is given in the enclosed letter. As you will see, five North Sea Ministers for the Environment will participate (Denmark, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands and Norway) in addition to other internationally renowned persons such as the scientist/explorer Thor Heyerdahl. The Conference will have about 1200 international delegates, mostly from Europe and North America.

Sincerely,



Kjeld Vibe
Ambassador

The Vice President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20501

ENVIRONMENT NORTHERN SEAS FOUNDATION



The Vice President
Old Executive Office Building
WASHINGTON D.C. 20501
U.S.A.

2 July 1993

Our ref.: JMy/lnh3730

Dear Mr Vice President,

I write to you from my position as Secretary General for a large internationally orientated environment institution, called Environment Northern Seas Foundation (ENS), headquartered in Stavanger, Norway.

On behalf of the Foundation, I should like to submit a respectful request that you convey your greetings to ENS'93, on the occasion of the official conference opening, taking place in Stavanger on Tuesday afternoon 24 August.

It could be a relatively short video-recorded statement, perhaps about 3 - 5 minutes, which we would hope would underscore the Vice President's environmental commitment in the context of the ENS endeavours, particularly focused on the protection of the marine environment. The statement would be shown on a wide-screen, with an audience of about 750 persons, including five environment ministers (from Norway, Germany, Denmark, The Netherlands and Finland), and in the presence of the Norwegian Princess Märtha Louise and scientist/explorer Dr. Thor Heyerdahl. The international press will be strongly represented.

Ideally we would of course prefer that your statement was transmitted via satellite. If you would be in agreement with this, the Norwegian Telecommunications Agency would handle the actual transmission aspect.

For your background information, the Environment Northern Seas Foundation pursues the tackling of onshore and offshore environmental challenges pertaining to sustainable development in marine and coastal regions. The approach is inter-sectorial and globally orientated, yet with a focus on Northern waters and adjacent coastal regions (the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, the North Atlantic, the Barents Sea and the Polar Basin).

ENS organises biannually major international conferences and technology and management orientated environmental exhibitions. Of its kind, ENS is the largest in Europe. The first ENS was successfully held in August 1991, with Prime Gro Harlem Brundtland as the keynote speaker. The second ENS is scheduled for 24 - 27 August 1993.

ENVIRONMENT NORTHERN SEAS FOUNDATION



National ENS co-founders include the Foreign, Environment, Industry & Energy, Defence and Fisheries Ministries. Private sector co-founders include a wide range of industries and businesses, particularly in the shipping sector, the petroleum sector, the agricultural and fisheries sectors, the process industry sector, the energy sector, the transport sector and the research and science sector.

ENS places heavy emphasis on developing strong international contacts. To that end, ENS has gained the support of a broad spectrum of international co-sponsors, among them several U.N. institutions, (see pages 12 - 13 in the attached Preliminary Programme). Also, an International Advisory Board for ENS has been established, (see page 69 in the Programme).

The ENS'93 Conference will be centered around seven parallel running seminars, on the following topics:

- **Offshore and shipping**
- **Port development & coastal transport**
- **Agriculture and environment**
- **Fisheries and environment**
- **Process industries (including petrochemical, metallurgical and pulp & paper industries)**
- **The municipal environmental sector**
- **Environmental management, liability and insurance.**

In addition, the ENS'93 Conference will include a number of associated seminars, workshops, and special sessions.

The ENS'93 Conference will have about 1200 international delegates, mostly from Europe and North America. A total of 15 000 visitors are expected to the Exhibition. Among the 300 exhibitors from 15 countries, there will be a U.S. stand, which will include a special information booth, organised by the U.S. Embassy in Oslo/Department of Commerce.

We would be very grateful if you could kindly give our request your attention.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Jostein Mykletun, Ph.D.
Secretary General

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ENS'93

Opening Plenary Session



1. Opening Plenary Session (24 August, 14:00 - 17:00)

Official opening: **H.R.H. Princess Märtha Louise**

Welcome by: **The Mayor of Stavanger** (*confirmed*)

Introduction to
ENS'93: **Sven Ullring**, Chairman, ENS'93
Executive Committee (*confirmed*)

Greetings to ENS'93: **Vice President Al Gore**, United States of
(pre-taped/satellite transmitted) **America**

Opening Address: **Environment Minister Thorbjørn
Berntsen**, Norway (*confirmed*)

Keynote Address: **Environment Minister Klaus Töpfer**,
Germany (*confirmed*)

Address: **Aarnout A. Loudon**, Chairman, Board of
Management, AKZO, The Netherlands
(*confirmed*)

Address: **Martin W. Holdgate**, Director General,
The World Conservation Union
(*confirmed*)

19:00 ***Conference Dinner***

Speaker: **Dr. Thor Heyerdahl**, Scientist and
Explorer (*confirmed*)