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DOOŚ-TSOOŚ.440.6.2023.MJ.7

As per the distribution list

Subject: Transboundary consultation pursuant to Articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention on the planned project to develop the Baltica-1 offshore wind farm

Dear Sirs and Madams.

The General Directorate for Environmental Protection, in a letter dated 5 September 2023 (ref.: DOOŚ-TSOOŚ.440.6.2023.MJ.1), submitted a notification, pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context₁ and Article 7 of Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment₂, on the planned project concerning the construction of the Baltica-1 offshore wind farm for which an environmental impact assessment is being conducted in the Republic of Poland

By letter of 11 October 2023 (Swedish Environmental Protection Agency), by letter of 6 October 2023 (Environmental Protection Agency of the Ministry of the Environment of Denmark), and by letter of 25 September 2023 (Finnish Environmental Institute), you have expressed your interest in participating as an Affected Party in the proceedings on transboundary environmental impact of the project in question.

In response to your declaration of participation in the proceedings, I submit the following information.

Documentation in accordance with Article 4 of the Espoo Convention

The positions and comments of the Swedish, Finnish, and Danish Parties regarding the project information sheet have been considered in the decision determining the scope of the environmental impact assessment report by the Regional Director for Environmental Protection in Gdańsk, dated 15 February 2024, ref.: RDOŚ-Gd-WOO.420.59.2023.AM.13, which was submitted to you via a letter dated 28 February 2024 r., ref.: DOOŚ-TSOOŚ.440.6.2023.MJ.6.

¹ Adopted in Espoo on 25 February 1991 (Dz. U. [*Journal of Laws*] of 1999 No 96, item 1110 as amended), hereinafter: *the Espoo Convention*.

^{2 (}OJ L of 2012 No 26, p. 1 as amended, hereinafter: the EIA Directive.

In accordance with Article 4(2) of the Espoo Convention, the Polish Party is sending you the relevant documentation, which includes:

- 1. environmental impact assessment report in Polish and English
- 2. attachments do the report– in Polish and English;
- 3. the Espoo report (extracts from the environmental impact assessment report) in Polish, English, Danish, Finnish, and Swedish;
- 4. the GDPR clause, to be published to your public alongside the above documentation, in Polish, Danish, Finnish, and Swedish.

The entire documentation listed above can be accessed at the link (available for download until 31 December 2024):

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Public participation in accordance with Article 4(2) of the Espoo Convention

Please allow for a **30-day** public participation period, during which there will be an opportunity to submit comments and proposals regarding the submitted documentation. We kindly request that you provide feedback on the commencement of the public consultation process in the Affected Party.

Transboundary consultation pursuant to Article 5 of the Espoo Convention

Please be informed that the planned timeframe for transboundary consultations is six months from the receipt of the documentation referred to in this letter.

The Polish Party kindly requests the following:

- 1. Acknowledge receipt of this letter and the annexes provided for download <u>without</u> delay;
- 2. Provide any comments and observations on the environmental impact assessment of the planned project on your territory;
- 3. Transmit any comments received from the public in your country;
- 4. Indicate whether there is a need for intergovernmental transboundary consultation in the form of an expert meeting, pursuant to Article 5 of the Espoo Convention.

Please send the aforementioned comments and observations in electronic form within 60 days of receiving this letter.

Kind regards,

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