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Plan

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Dear Ms Dommerholt,

The Dutch Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was invited by letter dated 21 June 1999 to carry out an advisory review of the EA-study and other relevant documents on the Chad Export Project.

I therefore submit the advisory review prepared by a working group of the EIA Commission on the General Oil Spill Response Plan (GOSRP) for the Chad Export Project.

I would like to draw your special attention to the following issues.

- 1) The GOSRP is an excellent manual for preparing the operational area-specific oil spill plans (ASORPS). The ASORPS describe what resources will, concretely, be available for oil spill preparedness and response. These ASORPS are scheduled to be prepared in a later stage. Oil spills and their environmental and social consequences being a major issue of controversy, I would like to recommend to have the ASORPS externally and independently reviewed once they have been prepared.
- 2) The GOSRP mainly addresses the private company's arrangements for oil spill preparedness and response. I would like to suggest to elaborate Governmental responsibilities and arrangements for oil spill preparedness and response under the capacity building projects that are prepared for both Chad and Cameroon.
- 3) Oil companies and UNEP are working together on marine and coastal pollution control in the so-called WACAF regional project. In order to avoid duplication and promote coherence, I would like to suggest that the proponents of the Chad Export Project join forces with WACAF in controlling marine and coastal pollution.

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The Commission would appreciate being kept informed about the use that is made of this advice and offers to assist in reviewing the ASORPS and additional information on the Capacity Building projects.



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