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To whom it may concern:

I have recently been made aware of the establishment of the Centre for Climate Crime Analysis (“CCCA”), which I understand is an independent mechanism aimed at supporting the investigation and prosecution of serious environmental crimes under national and international law.

Promoting the investigation and prosecution of such crimes may not only indirectly contribute to the mandate of the International Criminal Court (“ICC” or the “Court”), which is to fight impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as defined by the Rome Statute, but can also support the efforts of national law enforcement authorities to address serious crimes under national law. Consistent with article 93(10) of the Rome Statute, the Office of the Prosecutor at the ICC has stated its policy of – upon request and where appropriate – supporting national law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of serious crimes under national law (see Strategic Goal 9 of the Office’s 2016-2018 *Strategic Plan*) without creating additional financial costs for the Court, including where such crimes are committed by means involving, or resulting in, the destruction of the environment, illegal exploitation of natural resources, or illegal dispossession of land (see para. 7 of the Office’s *Policy Paper on Case Selection and Prioritisation*, dated 15 September 2016).

I look forward to exploring ways in which my Office may be able to cooperate with the CCCA within the framework of the Rome Statute.

Yours sincerely,

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