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To whom it may concern,

Environmental crime is not victimless. It is disrupting the human environment and habitat and it impacts negatively on climate change and the food chain. It causes people get sick and to die prematurely as a result of its threat to water, air and soil. It is undermining the social structures, disrupting level playing field, economic balances, depleting economic systems, depleting law and order and damaging the image of countries.

“EnviCrimeNet” is an independent network of experts in the fight against environmental crime in Europe. It has been formally recognized by the EU Council and its members represent the national law enforcement authorities of European Countries. It is an appropriate platform and forum for exchanging non-operational information and experiences with a view to combatting environment related cross-border crime effectively and efficiently. Europol O242, Environmental Crime, provides as secretariat and supports countries with operational cases and investigations, generates intelligence and delivers analyses

During its Steering Group meeting on 4 April 2017 in Malta, EnviCrimeNet welcomed the establishment of the Centre for Climate Crime Analysis (CCCA). EnviCrimeNet supports the aims of the CCCA to collect, refine and analyze “relevant open source information” and to provide high quality intelligence to the competent legal authorities with a view to triggering and supporting criminal investigations and prosecutions. EnviCrimeNet intends to cooperate with CCCA and sees the CCCA as a partner in the chain of addressing environmental crime, especially by generating and exchanging relevant information, expertise and experiences about best practices. Cooperation with the legal authorities must guarantee a legal process of using information, leading to legitimate evidence by criminal investigation.

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