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AND

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**Subject: Good offices of the Energy Charter Secretariat**

Your Excellencies,

Concerning my letter №SG/22/E/0070 of 9 March 2023, I note that while one Party expressed its openness to the Secretariat's assistance with good offices and mediation, another Party does not currently anticipate engaging the Secretariat's good offices due to the prolonged bilateral discussions and the current status of the proceedings.

Let me clarify that a neutral third party, such as the Secretariat, could sometimes help unlock an impasse in bilateral discussions and explore alternative options, even if arbitral proceedings have already started. Therefore, the Secretariat remains ready to provide good offices and support when both Parties are amenable to the proposal. A first step could be a joint meeting at the Secretariat's office to consider whether assisted negotiations, mediation or any other amicable resolution mechanism with the Secretariat's support could facilitate the resolution of the dispute or part of it.

Wishing the Secretariat can be of help in reaching a prompt, satisfactory outcome,

Sincerely,

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