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To whom it may concern

Greenpeace statement on Arctic Indigenous Community hunt

Greenpeace has not opposed and will not oppose the Inuit subsistence seal hunt and the generation of local income from the products of such hunting, provided that the hunt does not harm, or threaten to harm, the habitat and health of seal populations and the ecosystem as a whole. Greenpeace recognizes the right of Arctic Indigenous Peoples to the sustainable use of natural resources.

Greenpeace urges the European Union to uphold the exception for seal skin products from Indigenous community (IC) hunt. Greenpeace also hopes that the EU will help to ensure that the exemption of IC products from Canada is implemented in practice, as intended in the beginning. When the European Community imposed its import ban on seal products, Greenpeace did not oppose the exemption of seal products originating from the Arctic Indigenous Community hunt.

Furthermore, the EU must increase the effort to inform the public and the relevant authorities in the Member States of the differences between the sustainable hunts conducted by Indigenous Communities and the commercial hunt.

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Jorgo Riss
Director, Greenpeace European Unit

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrik Eriksson".

Patrik Eriksson
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