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European Commission

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IOGP Europe request for a meeting: PFAS

Dear [REDACTED]

The International Oil and Gas Producers Association (IOGP) Europe has been closely following the discussions on the regulation of PFAS. We support a proportionate ban that acknowledges the essential role of the oil and gas sector in ensuring the EU's energy security.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss the potential impact of the ECHA's proposed 'Universal PFAS Restriction' on our industry, as we strongly believe that understanding the practical implications of this restriction is critical for the continuity of key legislative initiatives. The oil and gas industry is committed to supporting the EU's climate and energy objectives, but for this to happen, the EU regulatory framework must be balanced and consider the sector's unique challenges and contributions.

In this regard, we appreciate the recent Communication from the European Commission defining the concept of 'essential use' to be incorporated into EU legislation dealing with chemicals. We recognized that the guidance criteria provided are key to addressing a PFAS restriction proposal, so that strategic applications essential for the security of supply and energy transition, such as oil and gas infrastructure, and CCS applications, can continue to roll out, while suitable and performing alternatives to PFAS use are developed.

Against this background, we would be grateful to have the opportunity to meet you to discuss our concerns and provide a comprehensive overview of the potential impacts of the envisaged restriction.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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