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Dear Dr. Beate Sternig,

I am writing this letter in response to your request for communication from each of the complainants in the Specific Instance complaint against the Andritz Group. I hereby certify that I am an authorized representative of complainant International Rivers.

The Xayaburi Dam on the Mekong River mainstream is expected to have significant and irreversible environmental, social, and economic impacts on hundreds of thousands riparian people living in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. Given the risks posed by the project, International Rivers strongly believes that the Xayaburi Dam and the companies involved, including the Andritz Group, must be subject to transparency, accountability, and inclusiveness, in order to allow for due diligence, public scrutiny, and multi-stakeholder dialogue aimed at informed decision-making and minimizing the project's harm.

While International Rivers is pleased that the Austrian National Contact Point has accepted this OECD compliant, we will not proceed in the mediation process if the requirement remains that we must refrain from publishing any press releases or conducting any public campaigns that specifically name Andritz. We are disappointed that such a requirement be made, as we feel it's beyond normal NCP procedural conduct and the intention of the OECD guidelines compliant process, and view such a requirement as an attempt to silence the campaign against the Xayaburi Dam and other destructive projects that Andritz is involved in. Until the Andritz Group, as well as other stakeholders involved in the Xayaburi Dam, are accountable for their involvement in this project, International Rivers will continue to publically advocate for the protection of the Mekong people of the Mekong River Basin.

We understand that since the NCP agreed to take on this specific instance, the information that has thus far been shared by Andritz is confidential under the terms of the OECD procedures and we will respect that unless it otherwise becomes part of public record.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions on our position or need further information related to the Xayaburi Dam.

Sincerely,



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