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Subject: Dringend: impact sanctions on Kazakhstan Crude

Beste Kurt,

I'm contacting you to raise an urgent serious concern on the impact of current proposed sanctions. Despite earlier messages by many sources in the EU Commission, the current text would prevent the exports of Kazakhstan crude through the CPC pipeline.

The Caspian Pipeline carries ~1.5 million barrels per day of Kazakhstan crude, primarily to serve European markets. This crude pipeline runs through Russia to the Russian port of Novorossiysk. Kazach crude transported through the pipeline comes with certificates that identifies the origin. This crude should continue to flow and not be subject to/clearly exempted from sanctions. There are no alternative export routes (except through Russia) and restricting this flow can have a major impact on energy supplies to Europe as well as have geopolitical repercussions in the Caspian and Central Asian region. Please note that the US Sanctions do contain an explicit exemption for this pipeline and I believe it always has been the intention to try and ensure transatlantic alignment.

Many member states have raised this point at today's COREPER suggesting to include a general exemption in the proposed sanctions regulation.

As you know, ExxonMobil supports the people of Ukraine as they seek to defend their freedom and determine their own future as a nation. We have announced that we started the process to discontinue our operations in Russia and that we will not invest in new developments in Russia. Hence, ExxonMobil does not challenge EU sanctions but we just wanted to raise unintended consequences which might further impact the European consumer.

Dank bij voorbaat, Vriendelijke groeten,

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