



THE PRIME MINISTER

Oslo, 20. May 2022

Dear Ursula,

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has disrupted global energy markets. As a major supplier of oil and gas to Europe, Norway is doing its utmost to ensure Europe's energy security in this dire situation. Simultaneously, we are accelerating our deployment of renewable energy.

Following up on our meeting in Brussels and the establishment of the EU-Norway Green Alliance on industry and energy in February, please allow me to inform you that last week, my government presented a major initiative to promote offshore wind power. Our target is to open up areas for offshore wind that will generate 30 GW by 2040. This nearly equals the entire installed capacity for power generation in Norway today – from all sources combined. Offshore wind will power the green transition and generate business and jobs in Norway. Furthermore, a significant portion of the 30 GW will be available for export to Europe. My Minister for Trade and Industry laid out the details of our initiative in a meeting with Vice President Šefčovič last week. We look forward to engaging on how to develop the legal framework and infrastructure needed to harvest the vast potential of wind power from the North Sea and beyond.

We applaud the ambitions of the Repower EU Plan put forward by the European Commission earlier this week. We share the dual ambition of accelerating the green transition while ending Europe's dependence on Russian fossil fuels. Rest assured that Norway's ambitious industrial initiatives for scaling up offshore wind and other renewables, CCS, hydrogen, batteries, minerals and raw materials needed in the green transition will complement and help accelerate the plans of the European Union.

We stand ready to pursue common goals and opportunities through the new EU-Norway Green Alliance on industry and energy, building on our long-standing energy partnership.

Yours sincerely – *and with warm regards!*


Jonas Gahr Støre

Ms Ursula von der Leyen
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