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To: Anabela Lemos (Director, JA)  
Cannelle Lavite (Co-Director, Business and Human Rights)  
Jean-François Dubost (Advocacy Director, CCFD-Terre Solidaire)  
Ayumi Fukusaka (Deputy Executive Director, FoE Japan)

**Re: Letter to TotalEnergies 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 from Justiça Ambiental (JA), European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR) and Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD) Terre Solidaire & Letter to Sumitomo Corporation 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 from Justiça Ambiental (JA), CCFD-Terre Solidaire, FoE Japan**

Dear All,

Thank you for your letters and for your continued willingness to engage with us on the development of the Mphanda Nkuwa Hydropower Project in Mozambique ("MNK").

The MNK Project is governed by a Joint Development Agreement signed by GMNK (Gabinete de Implementação do Projecto Hidroeléctrico de MNK), HCB (Hidroeléctrica de Cahora Bassa, EDM (Electricidade de Moçambique), and the "Strategic Partner" composed of EDF, as Lead Member, TotalEnergies and Sumitomo Corporation.

As such, the Strategic Partner is taking a common approach to address and respond to your questions and concerns throughout the development of MNK.

You are already aware that the MNK Project is committed to implement the applicable International Standards and Good international Industry Practices in environmental, social and governance, and to do this in accordance with national regulations.

These standards encompass human rights issues consisting in potential impacts on local communities' standards of living, livelihood and access to land, to workers' safety and working conditions. Environmental standards applied by the project extend to biodiversity and environmental sensitivities, climate change and seismic risks.

All such standards imply working closely with all relevant stakeholders alongside the project and in particular during the development phase prior to project implementation, as well as timely and appropriate meaningful engagement with affected communities.

The current development phase includes a series of studies and updates designed to identify and subsequently to fully address through a dedicated action plan all the identified environmental, social, technical and economic aspects of the MNK Project. Some early studies are already ongoing, while others are being planned in accordance with the stages of development of the Project. The studies and action plans will also take into consideration the context of the previous development phase of the Project.

The Strategic Partner ambition is to fully understand the concerns expressed by the stakeholders regarding the Project's development status and to integrate these in a timely manner to inform the development. Therefore we



propose to share with you our progress on this work – and receive your feedback for consideration – in person in early 2025.

We look forward to hearing from and meeting you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MA'.

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