Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Complaint against Norway concerning implementation of Directive 2000/60

On 30 June 2017, the EFTA Surveillance Authority (“the Authority”) received a letter from the complainant in Case 69544 (Complaint against Norway regarding compliance with the Water Framework Directive 2000/60 as regards regulated water courses) providing further information regarding the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (“WFD”) and the River Basin Management Plans (“RBMP”) in Norway.

As you are aware, Case 69544 was originally opened to investigate these matters in March 2011. At that time, the relevant provisions of Directive 2000/60 were not yet in force in Norway, and no RBMPs had been approved. Since then, there has been an ongoing dialogue between the Authority and the Norwegian authorities regarding the implementation of the WFD in Norway. However, it is only now that the RBMPs have been approved and subject to scrutiny that an assessment can be made as to whether the WFD has been correctly and effectively implemented.

In light of this, the Authority has decided to close Case 69544 and to open a new complaint case to deal with the ongoing issues (Case 81034). A formal closure decision in relation to Case 69544 will be taken in autumn 2017.

Yours faithfully,

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This document has been electronically signed by Gunnar Thor Petursson.