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To Whom It May Concern

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The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs would like to express its support for the CO2 Green Drive on April 22, 2012 in Dakar, Senegal, and thereby help in promoting more eco-friendly transportation and energy technology.

The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has a long history of close cooperation with the Danish Cultural Institute – in which the CO2 Green Drive is embedded - and its many affiliate institutes abroad in promoting exchange of art and culture between Denmark and other countries all over the world. It is therefore only natural that we support this initiative by the Danish Cultural Institute in extending the role of art and culture to also address problems of environmental sustainability and raise climate change awareness.

In order to move forward with a global green agenda everybody must cooperate. Governments as the only actors will not be sufficient in addressing global challenges; artists, people, private companies and other stakeholders must all be involved in the process if we are going to succeed. Also in terms of geographical scope it would be a mistake to limit the agenda of environmental change to the Western hemisphere. In a globalized world facing global problems we must all act together wherever we live. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs therefore welcomes that the CO2 Green Drive extends its activities to the African continent, to Dakar in Senegal, as part of the Earth Day 2012 plans.

Along similar lines the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as part of our Presidency of the Council of the European Union plans to facilitate a number of activities under a 'Green Economy - Green Mobility' theme in several European capitals on Europe Day on the 9th of May 2012.

We hope that initiatives such as the CO2 Green Drive will help raise awareness on the ecological problems of our planet and drive global developments in a greener direction while at the same time open windows of opportunities for increased cooperation and partnerships between artists, people, NGO's, cities, authorities and the private sector.

The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs would hereby kindly ask any relevant authority, especially government agencies at central, regional or local level to assist the CO2 Green Drive initiative in order to enable implementation of plans for the Earth Day 2012.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. E. Hansen', is written over the typed name and title.

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