Minister ……..

Address: ……….

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Ref: Support making ECOCIDE an international crime

Dear Minister of foreign affairs ……………………………..,

Mass damage and destruction of ecosystems (ECOCIDE), committed over decades and permitted by law, has led to global climate and ecological crisis. And this is not weakening, it’s even accelerating. Treaties, agreements and civil lawsuits have all failed to prevent this. They will probably keep on failing as long as Ecocide is is not a crime. Big destructive companies that are harming nature even say it literally: ‘ why should we stop doing what we do if it’s not a crime? ‘.

It is time to change the rules.

**Amending the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to include ECOCIDE as a CRIME** - alongside genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity – can provide a simple, effective deterrent for those in positions of responsibility, enforceable within existing criminal justice systems.

That’s why I would like to ask you to help convincing our government to **vote for such an amendment** in the International Crime Court in the knowledge that many countries must stand together to put this law in place for the long-term protection of all life on Earth. When at least a 2/3 majority of States Parties vote in favour of the amendment, the law is adopted into the Statute and the crime exists. After a transition period to allow businesses to change their ways, investors, banks and insurers will also adapt their policies and start investing in companies that operate in a sustainable way.

A law of ECOCIDE on the horizon will therefore ***signal the end of corporate immunity*** – and begin to redirect business and finance away from harmful practices.

It would be wonderful if our country would help to make this possible. Ecocide law creates the bridge to a more liveable world for all of us and all living creatures.

Hoping that you, as a representative of our country at the International Criminal Court, will vote for the amendment so that Ecocide becomes a crime, thanks for considering my request.

Sincerely

[your name and signature]

[your full address - which you must include even if it is an email you are sending]