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**Assunto:** Energy Charter Treaty – Withdrawal by the French Republic

Regarding the subject above, I have the honour to inform you that, on the 7th December 2022, the French Government notified the Government of the Portuguese Republic, in its capacity as Depository of the Energy Charter Treaty, of its withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty, signed in Lisbon, on the 17th December 1994.

Under Article 47, paragraph 2 of the Energy Charter Treaty, any such withdrawal shall take effect upon the expiry of one year after the date of the receipt of the notification by the Depository.
Therefore, the withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty by the French Republic shall take effect on the 8th December 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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