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## **Letter of Commendation for Ann-Katrine Garn's Candidacy as IUCN Councillor for the West Europe Region**

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Ministry of Green Transition and as the IUCN state member for Denmark, I am pleased to recommend Ann-Katrine Garn for the position of IUCN Councillor for the West Europe region.

Ann-Katrine is a visionary conservation leader whose career has been marked by her dedication to threatened species, protected areas and collaborative stewardship. She has consistently demonstrated strategic foresight, scientific rigor, and an inclusive approach to nature conservation that aligns seamlessly with the values and mission of the IUCN.

In her position as Chair of the IUCN National Committee of Denmark her leadership has been instrumental in advancing innovative conservation initiatives, fostering cross-sector partnerships, and championing evidence-based policy development. Ann-Katrine's ability to navigate complex environmental challenges with clarity and compassion makes her an exceptional candidate to represent the diverse interests of West Europe within the IUCN Council.

In short, she brings not only expertise but also a collaborative spirit that is essential for building resilient and inclusive conservation networks across borders. I am confident that Ann-Katrine Garn will be a transformative and principled voice on the IUCN Council, and I wholeheartedly support her candidacy.

Best regards

**Katrine Nissen**  
Deputy Director General