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Friends of Oceana, Geneva

Report of the Statutory Auditor on the Financial Statements for the year ended

31. Dezember 2023



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Report of the statutory auditor on the limited statutory examination to the General Assembly of the Friends of Oceana, Geneva

As statutory auditor, we have examined the financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and notes) of the Friends of Oceana for the year ended 31. Dezember 2023.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Executive Commitee. Our responsibility is to perform a limited statutory examination on these financial statements. We confirm that we meet the licensing and independence requirements as stipulated by Swiss law.

We conducted our examination in accordance with the Swiss Standard on the Limited Statutory Examination. This standard requires that we plan and perform a limited statutory examination to identify material misstatements in the financial statements. A limited statutory examination consists primarily of inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures as well as detailed tests of company documents as considered necessary in the circumstances. However, the testing of operational processes and the internal control system, as well as inquiries and further testing procedures to detect fraud or other legal violations, are not within the scope of this examination.

Based on our limited statutory examination, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not comply with Swiss Law and the foundation's articles of incorporation.

Zollikon, 8. März 2024

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Peter Züger
Auditor in charge
Licensed audit expert

Enclosures: Financial Statements

Balance Sheet	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	CHF	CHF
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	56'182.43	652'148.34
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Trade payables	60.01	703.96
Related party payables (Fundación Oceana, Spain)		
Accrued expenses	1'500.00	1'500.00
	1'560.01	2'203.96
Equity		
Balance carried forward	649'944.38	313'362.66
Profit for the year	-595'321.96	336'581.72
	54'622.42	649'944.38
	56'182.43	652'148.34

INCOME STATEMENT	2023	2022
	CHF	CHF
Income		
Donations - personal	316'577.99	341'684.05
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Expenses Intercompany charitable contributions Professional fees General cost	-900'000.00 -11'839.40	-3'868.67 -69.53
Profit before interest expense and bank charges	-595'261.41	337'745.85
Interest expense and bank charges	-60.55	-1'164.13
Loss for the period	-595'321.96	336'581.72

Friends of Oceana



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Business name, legal form and registered office

-The non-profit association is formed under the name Friends of Oceana and is governed by the most recent statutes (May 26, 2016) and by Art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. It is politically neutral and non-denominational.

As of September 17, 2021 the Association is officially registered in the Commercial Registry of the Canton of Geneva under the ID CHE-328.033.887.

-The Association is located in the Canton of Geneva c/o Walder Wyss AG Rue D'Italie 10 P.O. Box 1211 Geneva 3 Geneva, Switzerland

- -The purpose of the Association is to support the work of Oceana Inc., an international not for profit organization with a mission of protecting and restoring the world's oceans.
- -The financial statements for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 were subject to a limited statutory examination from Revision AG.

Principles applied in the annual accounts

- -According to the regulations under Swiss Law, Art. 957ff CO, Commercial Accounting and Financial Reporting.
- -According to the letter dated 28th October 2011 received from the Geneva tax authorities, the Association is tax exempted, at Cantonal and Communal level from 2011 and for the next 10 years, and permanently at Federal level.

On October 13, 2020, the Association received permanent tax exemption on Cantonal and Federal levels. In order to obtain this permanent exemption, the Association agreed to distribute the funds collected in Switzerland to other related entities. The Association entered into agreements with Oceana Inc., and Fundacion Oceana in order to fulfil this. The payment scheduled in 2021, related to 2020 donations (CHF 695,500), was processed in early 2022.

On December 14, 2023, the Association entered into agreements with Oceana Inc to transfer the funds received in the period 2021 to 2023. The payment of CHF 900,000, was processed in December 2023.

Full time positions on annual average

-Not more than 10

Further information

(1) Contributions with Restricted Purpose

All amounts received during the year from individual donations were unrestricted.

James F. Simon President Christopher M. Sharkey Secretary and Treasurer