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Reg Manhas,
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Reference is made to your e-mail of 7 September which included your letter to The Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara. This was a reply to the said committee. They had written to you in August regarding a letter you had sent to the Council of Ethics of the Pension Fund Global (the "Council") in January this year.

First of all, we appreciate that you sent us a copy of your reply letter of 7 September. We also appreciate that you in your letter acknowledge "that the letter to the Council summarized certain parts of the *Final Statement of the Norwegian OECD National Contact Point: Mediated Outcome between the Norwegian Support Committee for the WS and Sjovik AS* ("NCP Statement"), but did not reflect the full findings from the mediation – ...".

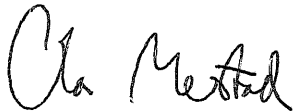
It is important for the National Contact Point of Norway, amongst other things to maintain trust in our work, that parties in a specific instance and third parties refer truthfully to our statements. We therefore take this opportunity to reiterate what we said in our Final Statement:

"As the parties have agreed on a mediated solution, the NCP has not examined the merits of the claim. It is therefore sufficient to underscore on a general basis that there is a heightened due diligence requirement

for business in relation to human rights violations when operating in or from areas in conflict, in this case the disputed Non-Self-Governing Territory of Western Sahara.”

We kindly ask that you in future references to our Final Statement quote us correctly and refrain from positioning your interpretations as facts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ola Mestad". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ola Mestad

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