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**Request for permission to establish a separate time zone with two additional hours**

To the attention of the European Commission,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Northernmost area in Norway, which is situated on the edge of the Barents Sea and the border of Russia. We have an urgent matter to discuss, and we kindly request the Commission's attention and permission to establish a separate time zone that better suits our lifestyle and values. This region, known as "Tiltakssonen" or "Action Zone," is requesting a new directive from the European Commission that instructs Norwegian authorities to approve the creation of a time zone where the day contains 26 hours instead of the customary 24. Our "MOREtime" project aims to celebrate and promote the unique way of life found in this remote outpost of Europe.

Living in this remote yet beautiful region of Norway offers a particular sense of peace and tranquility, which allows for a different concept of time. The people here truly appreciate and value the additional time in their day, enabling them to pursue personal goals and dreams while also contributing to the UN's sustainability goals and combating climate change.

Through our "MOREtime" project, we aim to celebrate and promote this unique way of life, offering individuals the opportunity to enjoy more quality time engaging in activities such as fishing, hunting, learning new languages, or simply being with loved ones. By having our own certified time zone within the EU, we hope to attract more young people, not only from Norway but also from around the world, to discover and settle in this adventurous area. This is crucial not only from a geopolitical perspective but also in terms of defense, security, and climate and environmental considerations.

We are aware that the EU Commission is responsible for time measurement and relevant technology, determining the standard times for all countries in the EEA area, including Norway. This responsibility is carried out through directives such as the summertime scheme. Therefore, we are directly reaching out to the Commission to address this more urgent challenge in the uppermost northern part of Norway.

As Norway consistently follows the directives set by the European Commission, we have chosen to address this inquiry directly to you. We will also promptly inform the Central Norwegian authorities of our initiative. In Norway, Justervesenet (JV), a governmental agency under the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Fisheries, is responsible for the strategic and practical handling of metrology, ensuring national and international acceptance.

In conclusion, with reference to the EEA agreement, we kindly ask the European Commission to confirm, through a new directive, that the Norwegian authorities have the approval to create a separate time zone for our region, extending the day to 26 hours instead of the standard 24.

We eagerly await your responsible consideration of this inquiry.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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