

The message from
The southern shore of the Gulf of Finland,
Sosnovy Bor, April 22, 2022

Dear Pekka!

I read in the news about the possible imminent accession of Finland to NATO. This is very disturbing for me and many of my fellow environmentalists.

I understand that the international policy of the Russian president makes us think about protecting not only Finnish citizens.

Millions of Russian citizens disapprove of Putin's aggressive policy! Here is one example – more than 1,200,000 citizens signed a petition against the war in Ukraine.

If Finland becomes a member of NATO, it will divide our common Baltic home and make our life more dangerous and unpredictable.

Dear Pekka!

I would like to use another chance to influence the situation with Finland's accession to NATO.

I remember our first meetings in Helsinki and St. Petersburg 30 years ago. The conference "Our Common Environment" in St. Petersburg made the Baltic our common home, and we began to cooperate to protect it. This was facilitated by the status of the authority of Finland as a non-aligned country to the military blocs.

I propose to organize a brainstorming session soon with the participation of Finnish and Russian NGOs to find the best solutions. If you support this decision, I am ready to talk with potential

Russian partners and come to Helsinki at a convenient time for you.

With respect

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