

EBRD response to Bankwatch's letter regarding violent clashes in the Khimki forest connected to the Moscow – St.Petersburg motorway

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To: Olexi Pasyuk, NECU/CEE Bankwatch Network

Dear Mr Pasyuk

Thank you for your recent e-mail concerning the Moscow–St Petersburg motorway. President Mirow has asked that I respond to you on his behalf.

We are aware of recent events from the numerous press reports and indeed e-mail correspondence from local NGOs. It is of course without question that EBRD strongly supports the rights of freedom of expression and does not condone the use of physical harassment.

While EBRD has been considering financing the concessionaire, no agreement has been reached yet between the Russian authorities, the concessionaire and ourselves. As you are aware, EBRD would launch a consultation process on whether the Bank should fund this project prior to any Board decision.

Yours sincerely.

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