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### **Patrick Pouyanne - TotalEnergies Chairman, Chief Executive Officer & President**

I visited Mozambique very -- 10 days ago. I met with President, Nyusi. And some of my people went into Cabo Delgado, not me at this stage. There have been -- let's be clear, it's a war. You have some terrorists. So it's no more a matter of TotalEnergies to be involved in solving that situation. And we will come back -- we could envisage to come back and to restart the project on the nuance there will be peace. I mean, peaceful situation which means not only having been able to secure security to, I would say, take back the control of the security but also to have population, the civil population back in the villages and with a normal life. That will be the signal. There is no way for and we will not build a plant in a country where we'll be surrounded by soldiers. It does not work like that.

Having said that, there have been some clear improvement on the ground. Since the involvement and the Mozambique arrangement with the SADC, I would say, proof, I mean, yes, consortium of different countries, including Rwanda, they managed to get back the security in some key areas around Palma, where we are -- our project is around Mocimboa da Praia who knows Mozambique, I become an expert but not -- they do not control today to full Cabo Delgado.

And for me, as long as it's not control security. Why it's important? Because the population will come back only when security will be under control and all that is linked for us. But I mean, I have no idea when we can start the project back. But my view is that the conditions under which we could -- we start the projects might be fulfilled, maybe it will take a year, I don't know. We'll see, we observe. And we are -- what is good, we have the same vision with the authorities of Mozambique of what needs to be achieved. There is no pressure for us to exit out of force majeure. And we have established, I would say -- we have frozen a very few contractors. We know that -- when we will say, yes, we can come back, it will take 6 months really to start up again. But again, my priority, it's a matter of sustainability of that and human rights. And so we'll not relaunch the project as long as I see photos from refugee camps around the site. But again, it's not negative. It's still -- it's for me a project and we are monitoring the situation because we think that the authorities of Mozambique are taking the right decisions in terms of security.

So let's observe. The contribution TotalEnergies today and its partners is mainly to contribute to the social life, I would say. We have engaged with NGOs to see if we could -- because all the stability in this part of Mozambique will also come from giving some few jobs, some prosperity share without waiting the gas to be produced but we need clearly to help the local populations to see some, I would say, some shared prosperity from the project before. But by just the agriculture and buying food from these farmers for feeding our teams on the project but we need to act on the ground and to -- it's a condition of the security for me. So that could take time as well. But the gas is there, the project is there, the LNG demand is there. So now it's a question of passions and in order to be able to execute the project.

### **Christopher Kuplent - Bank of America**

And just a quick one. That probably means you've not budgeted a huge amount in your CapEx guidance for '22 as far as Mozambique is concerned.

### **Patrick Pouyanne**

No, you don't have. And by the way, you don't have for another reason is that, as you know, we have a project financing in place. We stopped if we just -- a day before, it was frozen.

**Jean-Pierre Sbraire - TotalEnergies Chief Financial Officer**

Frozen the financing, yes.

**Patrick Pouyanne**

The day after we declared the force majeure. We gave the money back. We stopped the letters. We didn't want to get the financing. So we know that the project financing is in place. And it's easy for us if we reactivate the project to activate the project financing.