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# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT

To the board of directors in Telenor ASA

### Scope

We have been engaged by Telenor ASA to perform a limited assurance engagement, as defined by International Standards on Assurance Engagements, here after referred to as the engagement, to report on Telenor ASA's sustainability reporting as defined and specified in the Telenor ASA's GRI Index and SASB-report (publicly available at https://www.telenor.com/sustainability/reporting-our-performance/reporting-and-verification/ (the "Subject Matter") as for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Other than as described in the preceding paragraph, which sets out the scope of our engagement, we did not perform assurance procedures on the remaining information included in the 2023 Annual report, and accordingly, we do not express a conclusion on this information.

## Criteria applied by Telenor ASA

In preparing the Subject Matter, Telenor ASA applied the relevant criteria from the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) sustainability reporting standards and Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) sustainability reporting standards (the "Criteria"). The Criteria can be accessed at global reporting.org and sasb.org and are available to the public. Such Criteria were specifically designed for companies and other organizations that want to report their sustainability impacts in a consistent and credible way. As a result, the Subject Matter information will not be suitable for another purpose.

### **Telenor ASA's responsibilities**

The Board of Directors and President and Chief Executive Officer (management) are responsible for selecting the Criteria, and for presenting the Subject Matter in accordance with that Criteria, in all material respects. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls, maintaining adequate records and making estimates that are relevant to the preparation of the Subject Matter, such that it is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### EY's responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the presentation of the Subject Matter based on the evidence we have obtained.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the International Standard for Assurance *Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information ('ISAE 3000 (Revised)').* This standard requires that we plan and perform our engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether, in all material respects, the Subject Matter is presented in accordance with the Criteria, and to issue a report. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risk of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our limited assurance conclusion.

### **Our Independence and Quality Control**

We are independent of the Company and the Group in accordance with the requirements of the relevant laws and regulations in Norway and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence* 



*Standards*) (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

EY also applies International Standard on Quality Management 1, *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services engagements,* which requires that we design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

### **Description of procedures performed**

Procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained if a reasonable assurance engagement had been performed. Our procedures were designed to obtain a limited level of assurance on which to base our conclusion and do not provide all the evidence that would be required to provide a reasonable level of assurance.

Although we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our assurance engagement was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls. Our procedures did not include testing controls or performing procedures relating to checking aggregation or calculation of data within IT systems.

A limited assurance engagement consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for preparing the Subject Matter and related information and applying analytical and other appropriate procedures.

Our procedures included:

- Interviews with key personnel to understand the Company's reporting process for collecting information, collating and reporting the Subject Matter during the reporting period
- Test on a sample basis the calculation Criteria against the methodologies outlined in the Criteria
- Analysis of the Subject Matter data
- Comparison, on a sample basis, of Subject Matter data against supporting documentation
- Comparison of the presentation of the Subject Matter with the presentation requirements outlined in the Criteria.

We believe that our procedures provide us with an adequate basis for our conclusion. We also performed such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

#### Conclusion

Based on our procedures and the evidence obtained, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Subject Matter as for the year ended 31 December 2023 in order for it to be in accordance with the Criteria.

Oslo, 21 March 2024 ERNST & YOUNG AS

Anders Gøbel State Authorised Public Accountant

(This translation from Norwegian has been prepared for information purposes only.)