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Dr Rafael Grossi
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RE: Legal status of two open source projects potentially related to the International Atomic Energy Agency: MAED and FINPLAN

Dear Dr Grossi

My inquiry concerns the legal status of two open source projects possibly related to the International Atomic Energy Agency: MAED and FINPLAN. The two versions of the projects I refer to are hosted on GitHub. I understand that there may also be closed-source in-house codebases for both projects, but my interest here is limited to their public repositories and specifically their legal statuses.

I have talked to Prof Mark Howells, Loughborough University, United Kingdom regarding the general points raised in this letter, but did not gain clear answers. Prof Howells also suggested that I contact the International Atomic Energy Agency for clarification — which I am doing now. In any event, Prof Howells did definitively tell me that the International Atomic Energy Agency holds the sole copyright to the source code in both cases.

I would like to conduct my own license compliance confirmation process for the GitHub versions of MAED and FINPLAN. This procedure is standard practice for open source software and is designed to assure open source developers and users, plus their wider communities, that the code they work with is legally sound.

The two GitHub repositories in question are located here:

- <https://github.com/Model-for-Analysis-of-Energy-Demand/MAED-Code>
- <https://github.com/FINPLAN-Model/FINPLAN-Code>

My questions below are sequential in logic — so that an unambiguously negative answer means that any subsequent questions do not require responses.

For each of MAED and FINPLAN:

1. does the International Atomic Energy Agency claim copyright in the source code in current GitHub repository (as per the above URL)?
2. did the International Atomic Energy Agency formally authorize the BSD-3-Clause license statement and copyright notice currently present?
3. is the current copyright notice (in file LICENSE) adequate in terms of year and legal entity (by my understanding, both software projects began well prior to the year 2023 indicated and that an organization such as the IAEA would apply their full legal name to statements claiming copyright in this context)

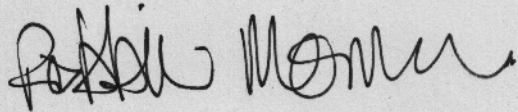
4. have all individual contributors to the codebase expressly transferred their original copyrights to the International Atomic Energy Agency and are those transfer agreements available for inspection?

5. is the IAEA able to explain how the codebase first came to be released under copyright to "Climate Compatible Growth" and subsequently changed to simply "IAEA" by GitHub user ReemaMohanty on 27 April 2023?

It is important that the legal claims made by open source projects are accurate and defensible. The two projects discussed here, MAED and FINPLAN, raise red flags for me as a long-standing energy system modeler.

I look forward to your cooperation and your response.

yours sincerely, Robbie Morrison

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robbie Morrison', with a stylized, cursive script.