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**TO** Newsdesk

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Scottish CND website: [www.cndscot.dial.pipex.com/news/](http://www.cndscot.dial.pipex.com/news/)

Information from Norway is at: [www.bellona.no](http://www.bellona.no)

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