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Dear Mr. Dominguez Collado,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Kyiv, 2003).

At its forty-third session, held in Geneva from 5 to 7 December 2018, the Committee continued its consideration of the information dated 17 August 2017 from the Portuguese political party Pessoas-Animaís-Natureza concerning the planned extension of the lifetime of the Santa Maria de Garoña nuclear power plant.

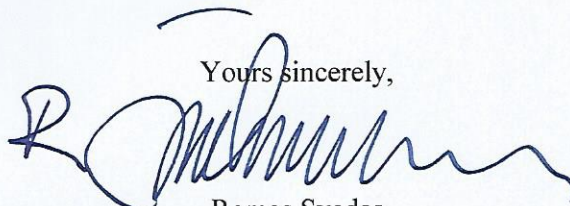
It noted the information from Spain dated 27 October 2017 that it declared the permanent cessation of the operation of that plant by order ETU/754/2017 adopted on 1 August 2017 and that Spain subsequently intended to issue a permit to dismantle the plant followed by the closure declaration.

The Committee concluded that the information provided by Spain was sufficient and decided to close its information gathering on the issue. The Committee recommended that Spain should ensure that further activities related to the decommissioning of the Santa Maria de Garoña nuclear power plant should be carried out in accordance with the Convention, as appropriate.

At the request of the Committee, I am now writing to you to thank the Government of Spain for its cooperation and request the agreement of the Government that the correspondence between the Committee and Spain be placed on the Convention's website, as an illustration of the Committee's approach to the compliance issue and of a proper and sufficient response from a Party in addressing the issue.

You are kindly invited to provide the response to the Committee in English through the secretariat by **15 February 2019**.

Yours sincerely,



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