

San Blas, Nayarit, 23 May 2001

Manon Pepin
JPAC Liaison Officer

Dear Ms. Pepin:

Unfortunately, due to Internet service problems in our community, we have only just received your message. However, even though we are now a week late in responding, we feel it is of value for our organization to continue participating in this process.

We wish to point out that your involvement in the case has been of great significance. We therefore consider it extremely important for the process to continue, since it has compelled all three levels of government in our country to address the matter, thereby meeting the objective of promoting law enforcement.

Moreover, this has led to closer ties between the company and our organization. Initially, we signed an agreement whereby the company commits to rein in its growth, restore a considerable area of the federal zone and participate in mitigation measures for the affected area; it also makes a series of community support-related commitments.

We are currently negotiating with all three levels of government and the company to sign a participatory cooperation agreement for a community work project that encompasses the zone affected by the company. The agreement also contains a commitment to protect and restore the 16,000 hectares comprised by the mangrove zone in the Municipality of San Blas, Nayarit, representing the southern part of the Marismas Nacionales area.

We also wish to state that although the process is not as expeditious as we might wish, we have total confidence in its effectiveness. Besides, the process is necessary as a means for society to participate and to compel government bodies to fulfil their commitments and responsibilities. We feel that to improve this process, it would be desirable for submitters to have access to the Parties' responses so as to be able to assess the information they contain. For our part, we are pleased to acknowledge the attention, corrections and changes made to its development. We are now in the process of writing a considered opinion on the document, and will be sending it to you shortly.

Once again, our apologies for the delay. We thank you for your attention to this letter. In order to ensure that we receive future correspondence on time, we suggest that it be sent by both e-mail and another means, such as regular mail or courier.

Sincerely,

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