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The Chair
Committee on Petitions

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Subject: Petition No. 0964/2013

Dear Ms Fraile Martín,

I would like to inform you that the Committee on Petitions continued its examination of your petition at its meeting of 20-21 June taking due account of the written information provided by the European Commission.

I am enclosing a copy of the Commission's considered opinion for your information, in the form of a Notice to Members of the Committee.

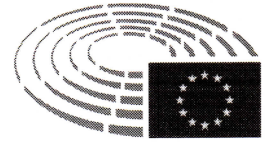
Please be informed that on the basis of this opinion, with which it is in broad agreement, the Committee on Petitions decided to conclude its consideration of your petition, and thus close the file.

Yours sincerely,



Cecilia Wikström
Chair
Committee on Petitions

Annex: Reply from the Commission (CM1094934)



29.4.2016

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Subject: Petition No 0964/2013 by Fraile Martin Josefina (Spanish) , on behalf of Terra SOS-tenible, Skyguards, Alternativa, bearing 2 signatures, on Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment

1. Summary of petition

The petitioners ask for a Green paper and research to be elaborated on military activities affecting the environment, to introduce openness in the military research projects and democratic accountability and that civil laws on environment be applied in relation to all military activity. They are concerned about the fact that for decades Europe has been subjected to massive clandestine aerosol spraying, for purposes assumed to include attempted mitigation of an officially identified global warming problem and/or facilitation of the operations of HAARP (High Frequency Active Auroral Research Project). These actions are claimed to have been implemented outside of any legal framework, national or international, without the knowledge of consent of the population. They ask the EU to take an action.

2. Admissibility

Declared admissible on 11 February 2014. Information requested from Commission under Rule 216(6).

3. Commission reply, received on 29 April 2016

The petitioner is asking for a full implementation of the Proposal of Resolution on the Environment, Security and Foreign Policy and, among others, that a Green Paper be drawn up on military activities affecting the environment, that secrecy in military research be resisted and openness and democratic scrutiny of military research projects be encouraged, and that civil laws on the environment be applied in relation to all military activities

However, the European Commission would like to inform the Petitions committee that it has no competence in the area of military initiatives in Member States. The EEAS (European External Action Service) only deals with the setting up and managing of military/CSDP¹ initiatives in third countries.

Consequently, any reference in the petition to EU environmental legislation, notably Directive 2001/42/EC, the Aarhus Convention and the Nagoya Convention on Biodiversity with respect to military activities is without purpose.

¹ Common Security and Defence Policy