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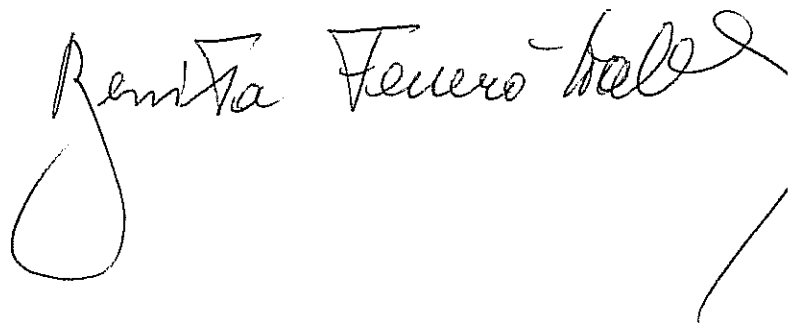
Dear Ms Lucas,

Thank you for your letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> July concerning plans to construct the hydropower dam at Gunung Mulu National Park World Heritage in Malaysia.

According to the information available to the Commission there are no European funds involved in the development of this proposal. The Commission's Delegation to Malaysia has met with the Federal Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment who indicated that the proposal to develop dams in Sarawak is part of a business plan proposed to the Sarawak State authorities. The Minister assured that the proposal, which is in an early concept phase, would undergo a careful environmental impact assessment and that there was therefore no reason to be concerned about the Gunung Mulu National Park or the displacement of indigenous people.

The Commission will continue to follow these developments with great interest.

Yours sincerely,



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