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Dear Commissioner,

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has recently indicated that it has concerns about plans to develop a hydropower dam at Gunung Mulu National Park World Heritage Site.

Sarawak Energy Berhad plans to build a 220 MW dam on Sarawak's Tutoh River, submerging parts of the Gunung Mulu National Park in the process. The Park is one of only two UNESCO Heritage sites in Malaysia. The dam is also part of a larger scheme to develop 12 hydropower projects in Sarawak over the next 12 years, which, if realised, would lead to the displacement of several thousand indigenous people currently living in the Bornean rainforest.

Given the EU's close relations with Malaysia, please can the Commission confirm that no European funds are invested in the Gunung Mulu dam or other hydropower projects in Sarawak? Please can you also advise what pressure is being brought to bear on the Malaysian authorities to ensure that these inappropriate and unsustainable developments are prevented from going ahead?

Many thanks for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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