



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 March 2009

Dear Mr. Viñuales,


I would like to thank you for your letter dated 4 December 2008. I greatly appreciate receiving this valuable information concerning the work of the FARO Commission in the context of the Zaragoza Expo 2008: Water and Sustainable Development.

I had the personal pleasure of visiting the Expo last September and it has left me with a strong sense of our shared global commitment to addressing the critical water issues.

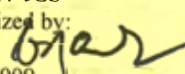
The United Nations recognizes that the provision of safe drinking water and access to basic sanitation is essential to poverty alleviation, to safeguarding good health, and to achieving sustainable development. I therefore commend you for your very important contribution to raise awareness in this regard.

Within the United Nations system, the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD) is the intergovernmental body addressing the issue of water and sanitation. The Commission will be in session from 4 to 15 May 2009 in New York. I have therefore requested the Division for Sustainable Development within the Department of Economic and Social Affairs which serves as secretariat to the Commission, to liaise with you in finding a suitable opportunity for the handing over of the signatures and recommendations to United Nations representatives.

Yours sincerely,

  
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