

Committee on Petitions

Objections to closure of Petition n° 0964/2013

Your honors,

I. The associations Terra SOSustainable* and Alternativa confirm reception of Notification of Closure of the petition presented on 10th May 2013 to the Committee on Petitions requesting that the European Parliament, within its remit, (1) undertake an **independent investigation** into the clandestine aerial spraying in European airspace ongoing for at least a decade, without the knowledge or consent of the citizens, in the context of illegal activities relating to climate manipulation (geoengineering), with an impact on the environment and public health, and (2) A parliamentary debate on the matter. – This petition was backed up by more than 6000 signatures from citizens of 25 European countries, sent in due time to the Committee on Petitions, apart from a great number of signatures received from U.S.A. and Latin American countries.

II. In March 2014 the Committee on Petitions informed us that the petition had been admitted for consideration as the subject was within the remit of the sphere of activities of the European Union and that the European Commission had been requested under regulation 216 (6) to undertake a preliminary investigation into the different aspects of the problem.

III. The Committee on Petitions declared closure of the abovementioned petition, aligning itself with the opinion of the European Commission of 29th April 2016 in clear contradiction to its declaration of admissibility in 2014.

IV. After two years of 'consideration' the European Commission concludes that, ...“the petitionary demands the exclusive implementation of a Resolution on *Environment, Security, and Foreign Policy...*, avoiding the reference to the Resolution of the European Parliament A4-005/99 that quotes climate manipulation as a weapon of massive destruction, adopted on 14th January 1999 by the Foreign Policy, Defence and Security Committee and the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection Committee, focusing only on the military aspects of the petition which by chance are not of its domain..., in consequence neither is the application of European environmental directives such as 2001/42/EC, the Aarhus Convention or the Nagoya Convention on Biodiversity which the petition encompasses.

a) The European Commission should in fact explain why it has taken two years to reply and twisted a clear and urgent petition of European citizens to investigate the ongoing activities of Geoengineering that violate fundamental rights, thus demonstrating a total lack of interest in the basic concerns of the European people. On the other hand, considering the clarity of our petition and noting the arbitrary military biased response, there is a necessity to clarify, (1) if the geoengineering activities being carried out in the European Union have a military component, and (2) how the conclusion has been reached that the clandestine aerial spraying carried out in European airspace that we complain of, uses aerosols ... given that this term does not appear in our text (see line 6 in its summary of the petition) - Lapsus mentis?

b) Likewise, the Committee on Petitions must explain, (1) its lack of promptitude with the period of reply, given the urgency and seriousness of the matter, (2) why it considers acceptable a reply that does not respond to the explicit questions of the petition, and (3) why closure has been dictated taking into account the abovementioned issues, in flagrant contradiction to its own written compromise of 2014.

- V. The worrying point about the decision to close the Petition is not the European Commission's response that insults human intelligence but that the European Parliament becomes accomplice and servant of an institution – without democratic legitimacy – at the exclusive service of the military complex and global financial interests, with the TTIP as the latest example. This parliament cannot ignore that the European commission is contributing by covert default to geoengineering in Europe with *ad hoc* regulations in related fields, which find expression in programs such as FP, Horizont and SESAR, along with a number of agencies, particularly the European Space Agency.
- VI. Your honors, the new political scenery in the United States suggests that the future of the European Union can only be assured if the fundamental rights of citizenry, contained in the Treaties, but constantly being eroded, are respected and defended. That is why we insist in our petition on investigation of climate engineering in Europe; hoping that this European Parliament and the European Commission invert urgently their inaction before the threat against life that means geoengineering; on the contrary you may well understand that when the time arrives, Europeans will demand full liability and the dissolution or refounding of those institutions that do not serve the common good.

Based on the case detailed above and,

CONSIDERING the gravity of the matter and the violation of fundamental treaty rights such as health and safety, we wish to manifest our disagreement with closure of the petition and **APPEAL** against it for the following reasons:

1. The opinion of the European Commission deliberately ignores both the basic facts and the legal grounds of a specific petition to investigate climate manipulation in the European Union which has evident consequences for the environment and public health of European citizens' statutory treaties rights.
2. The petition also included the specific demand that a motion be tabled for a debate on the subject in the chamber of the European Parliament in which we proposed to represent the civil case against geoengineering in Europe; after nearly four years, this debate, over which the European Commission has no authority, has not taken place either.

WE FORMALLY REQUEST

1. that the Committee on Petitions uphold this objection to the closure of the Petition 0964/2013 and reconsider their decision by demanding the European Commission revise their opinion by initiating an independent investigation into geoengineering activities in Europe and by responding specifically and urgently to the precise explicit points in the Petition presented by the associations, "Terra SOStenible" and "Alternativa" in May 2013 and admitted for consideration by the Committee on Petitions in March 2014.
2. To be informed (1) of the name of the Commission expert who signed the report; (2) if the opinions of the Commission are binding for the European Parliament; and (3) to be provided with a copy of the minutes of the Committee on Petitions meeting of 20 -21- June relevant to our petition.

Signed, in Velilla del Río Carrión, Palencia, Spain, on 22 November 2016.

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**Terra SOS-tenible, is a Spanish national association, (register no. 170352). In 2012 it created the civil society platforms "Guaracielos" and "Skyguard" with the aims of investigating, reporting, publicising and promoting international opposition to climate manipulation that is being carried out globally (Geoengineering - HAARP). Guardacielos embraces citizens from most South American countries and Skyguards is made up of associations and activists from 22 European countries - Terra SOStenible and its platforms have the support of scientists and international professionals: physicians, chemists, biologists, agronomists, professors, meteorologists, geologists, doctors, aviation engineers, pilots, etc as well as farming organisations.*