**AL MINISTERIO PARA LA TRANSICIÓN ECOLÓGICA Y EL RETO DEMOGRÁFICO (MITECO)**

TO THE MINISTRY FOR ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE (MITECO)

Mr. / Ms. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with ID number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on his/her own behalf, with address for notification purposes at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, street \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, number \_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_\_. In relation to the announcement of MITECO, through its website dated February 3rd, 2021, in which a public consultation period is being started for the *Plan para la Protección del Delta del Ebro* (plan for the protection of the Ebro Delta), a document prepared by CEDEX under the direction of the *Dirección General de la Costa y el Mar* (the General Directorate of the Coast and the Sea) and the *Dirección General del Agua* (the General Directorate of Water, I present the following:

ALLEGATIONS

It is an extensive document, of a very technical nature, but which ultimately concludes that the current Deltebre coastline and the Ebro Delta should be retreated, in general, incorporating a large amount of land and houses into the public domain.

In the case of Deltebre, the incorporation into the public domain of 3,552,542 m2 is foreseen, affecting rustic lands, agricultural fields, lands with a high tourist potential, economic activities and housing on urban land in the center of Riumar, as well as buildings on rustic land, even affecting basic infrastructures totally necessary and essential for agricultural management and the protection of the urban core of Deltebre against possible floods.

The Plan is a direct attack on the residents of Deltebre, affecting private properties without having carried out any kind of socio-economic study or having come up with proposals in relation to possible and less aggressive alternatives to face climate change.

The link between the inhabitants of the Delta and their territory is widely known and comes from afar, from the efforts of our ancestors. Those of us who live in these lands keep a close relationship with them, with natural resources. This is a fact that has not been valued by the Plan from the perspective of guaranteeing social survival of the productive sectors or culture or rights nor our way of life and future opportunities.

The relationship with the land, with our beloved Delta, is not a question of possession or simply productivity but rather a question of feeling, and a question of cultural legacy, a transmission from generation to generation of values ​​and traditions and of our customs and of deep love for nature.

We cannot ignore the imminent consequences that derive from climate change, but we must raise our voices when injustice occurs without any scruple because we have seen how storms have engulfed part of our lands. We have suffered from the historical passivity of public administrations. We have felt helpless, alone and abandoned. And now, with this Plan, instead of feeling protected, we feel deprived, sad, without investments to save our lands, our future generations, our rights or our traditions.

Adaptation to climate change provides stability but this cannot in any way imply a waiver of the rights of all the people and of all the past, present and future generations.

We are facing a situation of absolute discrimination, lack of legal certainty. Furthermore, it is regrettable that the Plan is being drafted with its back to the Taula de Consens del Delta, despite its territorial legitimacy and its insistence on participating actively in the elaboration of the Ministry's strategy in relation to the Plan. As demonstrated by the Delta Plan drawn up from the territory, there are effective measures to provide greater resilience to uses and protect their vulnerability and the risk to people and their properties.

The territory has not been taken into consideration at any time as a cultural, economic, historical, agricultural, fishing, aquaculture, tourist or environmental value, since the easier perspective has simply been taken, that of abandonment, that of non-investment, that of forcing the displacement of people, that of renouncing our culture, our Delta.

Consequently,

I REQUEST the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge to consider this brief of observations and allegations against the entire Plan for the Protection of the Ebro Delta and its approval, and to establish the corresponding modifications, carrying out the necessary investments, respecting the current delimitation of the DPMT, not affecting individual rights and working on the line of saving the Delta in accordance with the Taula de Consens del Delta.

Please make an analysis of each and every one of the alternatives that exist to adopt measures opposed to the proposals, measures aimed at safeguarding the current morphology of the Delta and the survival of all of us who live and want to continue living here with opportunities and a future.

Signed.

Deltebre (Delta de l’Ebre), on \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021