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Dear Minister,

I would like to draw your attention again to the serious situation regarding air quality in Spain.

According to the assessment of my services, exceedances in the levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) appear to continue to be in breach of the limit values set by the Ambient Air Quality Directive.

It seems that the measures announced and taken so far are not sufficient to address these breaches in the air quality zones concerned and to reach full compliance with EU air quality limit values by the year 2020, as communicated to us by your Government after the Air Quality Ministerial Summit on 30 January 2018.

Therefore, without prejudice to EU legal procedure, all stakeholders across all relevant levels of governance should be mobilised and contribute to the design and implementation of effective national, regional and local air quality measures in order to ensure compliance with EU law and to safeguard the health of the local population.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karmenu Vella".

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