

Reminder

To: Mr. Joan Clos, UN-HABITAT Executive Director

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Dear Mr. Joan Clos,

We would like to remind you about the open letter we sent on 18 September 2017 concerning the Global WOPs Alliance (GWOPA). It has been more than 8 weeks, we have not heard your response.

We would appreciate to hear your thoughts on our concerns . In meantime, we are aware that the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, Léo Heller sent his open letter to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Members of GWOPA International Steering Committee and donors on 8 November 2017.

We would like to stress once again that GWOPA is a unique international space for not-for-profit peer support for water operators. We share firmly the Special Rapporteur's analysis on the importance of GWOPA for the realization of the human rights to water and sanitation.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Signed

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Aqua Publica Europea, Europe
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Attac Luxembourg
The Berlin Water Table, Germany
Comitato provinciale Acqua Pubblica Torino (the movement for public water of Turin), Italy
Comité de Coordinación ISP-Perú
Corporate Accountability International, USA
Corporate Europe Observatory, Belgium/Europe
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Corporación ECOFONDO, Colombia
CUPE- Canadian Union of Public Employees, Canada
Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria
European Federation of Public Service (EPSU), Europe
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