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Submitter: Iván Salazar
Party: Colombia
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Submission ID: USCOLSALASEEM/COL/01/2023
Subject: Acknowledgement of receipt

Dear Iván Salazar,

We hereby acknowledge receipt of your submission sent to the Secretariat for Environmental Enforcement Matters by emails on June 28, which has been assigned the code USCOLSALASEEM/COL/01/2023, and has been entitled "Reserva Natural de la Sociedad Civil (RNSC) – El Danubio".

In accordance with the provisions of the environmental chapter of the Trade Promotion Agreement (TPA) between Colombia and the United States (U.S.), the Secretariat will proceed to make an initial Determination regarding compliance with the following admissibility requirements established in Article 18.8.2 of the TPA:

- a. *is in writing in either English or Spanish;*
- b. *clearly identifies the person making the submission;*
- c. *provides sufficient information to allow the secretariat to review the submission, including any documentary evidence on which the submission may be based and identification of the environmental laws of which the failure to enforce is asserted;*
- d. *appears to be aimed at promoting enforcement rather than at harassing industry;*
- e. *indicates that the matter has been communicated in writing to the relevant authorities of the Party and indicates the Party's response, if any; and*
- f. *is filed by a person of a Party, except as provided in paragraph 3.*

If the above requirements are met, the Secretariat will process the submission in accordance with the provisions set forth in Articles 18.8 and 18.9 of the TPA.

The Secretariat will inform you in a timely manner about the progress and updates in the processing of your submission. Any future correspondence will be sent to the e-mail address provided, unless you express interest in receiving hard copy correspondence.

The Secretariat shall advise the Parties and publish the respective public notice. In addition, the submission and other information (except reserved information) filed will be available for public access on the webpage <https://uscolombiasalaseem.org/solicitudes-presentadas/>, where you can check its status.

For any electronic communication, you can continue contacting us at info@uscolombiasalaseem.org.

Yours sincerely,

David Marín Cortés
Executive Director

Secretariat for Environmental Enforcement Matters

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