
Your Letter to ENGIE re Proposed Desalination Facility Near Dakhla - Stakeholder Engagement

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Dear Ms Eyckmans and Mr Deglet:

Further to my previous email, we have begun the initial phase of our preliminary stakeholder engagement process, which will focus on the intended and potential benefits of the desalination facility near Dakhla referenced in your letter to ENGIE (the 'Project').

As a starting point, we intend to: (i) adopt a broad view of 'stakeholders', understood by us to include individuals or groups affected by, or likely to be affected by, the Project, as well as those who may have an interest in the Project; (ii) apply the standard of review set out by former UN Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs Hans Corell in 2002, indicating that certain business activities should be 'conducted in Non-Self-Governing Territories for the benefit of the peoples of those Territories, on their behalf, or in consultation with their representatives'; (iii) adhere to the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights; and (iv) encourage all stakeholders to engage with us in a spirit of realism and compromise.

That said, we consider your organization to have an interest in the Project and would therefore like to discuss the best way forward as soon as possible. Preferably, and preliminarily, this could be done over the telephone, to be followed by an exchange of written inquiries. In any case, we would be grateful for your time and assistance—along with that of other stakeholders—in identifying and engaging with a broad range of the Project's intended and potential beneficiaries on an ongoing basis.

Please let me know when and how best to reach you, and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.