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### **Atomic Waste in the Sea: Call for decisive action**

Dear Commissioner Arias Cañete

About 300.000 tons of atomic waste lie in the depths of the sea, alone more than a third of it off the coasts of Europe. Since the sixties European nations have dumped the wastes of their atomic power plants in the cheapest way possible, for three decades until the protests against it became too disturbing.

Meanwhile the sunken barrels are rusting away. Already, traces of plutonium can be detected in the deep sea – and just traces of this highly toxic witches' brew are enough! It accumulates in the food chain and finally winds up on our plates.

But not our stomachs alone are in peril but the entire life in the oceans which embrace three quarters of our planet. If the oceans die, we will as well.

At the day after celebrations of the World Ocean Day we request the European Union to push a European initiative to tackle two tasks:

- a permanent monitoring of the dumped barrels in the deep sea
- retrieval and safer custody of all leaky barrels

Member states of the European Union are responsible for 45% of all radioactivity dumped in the sea globally and therefore have as special duty to help in eliminating then damage.

We sent similar letters to the governments of the United Kingdom (41%), Switzerland (5%) and Germany (pioneer of atomic waste dumping in Europa), to the government of Russia (45%) and to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency whom we urge to push a global initiative encompassing the same two tasks.

Thank your for your action.  
Kind regards

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