

REQUEST AR-MICI003-2011, NOVEMBER 24, 2010

PROJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD UPGRADING PROJECT II (PROMEBA II)

Dear Director,
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Enclosed please find copy of a flier that is being handed out to the community of the city of Corrientes in Argentina. This is due to the approval of Ordinance No. 5347/2010 by the Municipality of Corrientes, whereby the Botanical Garden *Nuestra Sra. del Huerto* would be deprived of 7,000 m² of green areas, held by the NGO *Fundación Dr. Hugo Gauna*, an organization responsible for all public works in the area, and the botanical garden operation since 1989. There are numerous native trees planted in this property since the botanical garden was created, and they are part of the landscape and educational, religious and tourist activities conducted there. Furthermore, such green areas will be allocated to the road construction (public roads). There is land next to the botanical garden that may be used for such purpose. Besides, the botanical garden is located in the middle of the LA OLLA complex, as it is known here, and we have not been consulted nor taken into account when improving this important green area for this part of the city. We work together with an assistance center since 2002, where there are more than 70 children and youth at risk from low-income neighborhood surrounding the botanical garden location.

Please consider this letter as our claim report since we intend to file an administrative, social and legal defense action. It should also be noted that it has been declared an area of special interest by the province and the municipality.

Sincerely,
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Fundación Dr. Hugo Gauna
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