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To the kind attention of:

Prof. Okechukwu Ibeanu

UN Special Rapporteur on toxic and dangerous products and wastes

and CC to:

Mr. Agazio Loiero

Presidente Regione Calabria

Mr. Silvestro Greco

Assessore Ambiente Regione Calabria

Re: possible dumping of toxic and/or radioactive material in Calabria

Dear Sir,

We are writing to you concerning the shipwreck believed to be the Cunski cargo, found off Italy southern coast (Cetraro, Calabria) on the 12th of September 2009.

We would like to confirm our interest in working on the "lost ships", since we have been dealing with this issue since 15 years.

We already sent some of our documents and files to your collaborator, Mr. Marco Negrete, who received all the information we have been collecting over the last years. In fact, it is believed there are about 32 ships carrying toxic waste, waiting to be found in the Mediterranean Sea.

We have been investigating on the presence of such wrecks since 1990, even though we have not taken any step forward on this delicate and dangerous issue.

We now believe the sunken ship found in Cetraro could be a good opportunity to restart international investigations. New clues and witnesses are referring about the illegal traffic of toxic waste: it is pivotal not to sink it back into oblivion.

In the last fifteen years many public prosecutors investigated on lost ships. Unfortunately, the lack of the body of evidence and the attempt to turn aside from the truth stopped the investigation. So far, the only closed case is the Rigel one: the sinking has been found to be illegal.

We believe Italian Authorities and International Institutions should be deeply concerned by the fact that more than 30 ships, carrying toxic and radioactive waste are allegedly sunk by criminal organizations in several spots around the Mediterranean Sea.

We are aware that Calabria Region has been starting further investigations and is determined upon finding the truth. For this reason, we would really appreciate your visit to Calabria.

The alarm also concerns some inshore polluted areas. Since 1994, many witnesses have been reporting the presence of illegal toxic waste dumpsites around the Aspromonte mountains, in particular in the area between Limina and Cinquefrondi. In 2003, dioxin, industrial sludges, marble waste and other harmful substances were found buried just in front of the Rosso ship wreck, which stranded on the beach of Amantea.

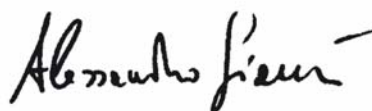
We are confident that Regione Calabria would be really pleased to invite you. Legambiente and Greenpeace also urge on a official mission of the UN Special Rapporteur on toxic and dangerous products and wastes.

We would be happy to facilitate this mission, providing all the information and contacts we have.

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