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The Chairman,
The Honourable Alex Muscat, MP
Environment and Development Planning Committee
House of Parliament
Valletta

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Dear Honourable Muscat,

I act on behalf of the eNGOs Flimkien ghal Ambjent Ahjar and Friends of the Earth (Malta), which eNGOs have submitted applications for sites to be designated as Public Domain sites by Parliament.

We have received the Report compiled by the Executive Council of the Planning Authority with its recommendations as to which sites should be included as Public Domain. In view of the fact that the Executive Council's recommendations will form the basis of the Parliamentary Resolution to be voted upon, we would greatly appreciate the following clarifications to be made by this Honourable Committee: –

1. In Point 3 of the PA Report, it is stated that not all information could be provided by the Government Property Division and the Land Registry. It would be good to know what kind of information was not made available.
2. In Point 3.8 of the PA Report, it is stated that the consortium MIDI did not submit a site plan with the contracts pertaining to Manoel Island. Since this information is available at the Notarial Archives, could the Report be updated in this regard?
3. In Point 3.9, Section II of the PA Report, it is stated that the final map layer from the public consultation exercise does not reflect all the submissions made. It would be appreciated if clarification about this point was granted.

4. In Point 4.3 of the PA Report, it is stated that during the public consultation phase, over 225 meetings were held, and 776 emails received. It would be appreciated if the identity and input of the above mentioned stakeholders was made available, as with all other public consultation exercises.
5. As a general observation, it would be appreciated if the PA Executive Council could clarify why certain sites were completely omitted from their report, despite the fact that they were proposed and that there are already indications that they should be utilised for the public (Xrobb l-Ghagin Natural Park, National Park at Ta' Cenc).

We thank you very much for this opportunity to further preserve our natural environment, and welcome the effort of the Planning Authority in this regard.
Yours faithfully,

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