

**Instruction to the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement
Secretariat for Environmental Enforcement Matters Regarding Submission
“Barú Volcano National Park” (SALA-CA-PMA/001/2021), Asserting that
Panama is Failing to Effectively Enforce Its Environmental Laws with Regard
to the Barú Volcano National Park.**

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

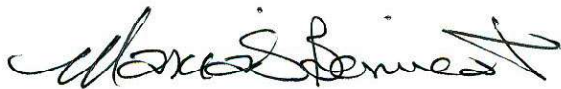
SUPPORTIVE of the process provided for in Articles 17.8 and 17.9 of the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (TPA) regarding Submissions on Enforcement Matters and the preparation of factual records;

CONSIDERING Submission SALA-CA-PMA/001/2021 (the “Submission”) filed by Ezequiel Miranda, Ángel Aguirre Sánchez, and Ariel Rodríguez on March 12, 2021;

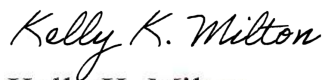
HAVING REVIEWED the Secretariat’s July 15, 2021, recommendation that the preparation of a Factual Record is warranted in this matter; and

PURSUANT to Article 17.9 of the United States-Panama TPA;

HEREBY VOTES TO INSTRUCT the Secretariat to prepare a factual record concerning the Submission.



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