

Non-Legislative Motion 161/000433

In its session of November 28, 2008, the Committee for External Affairs has agreed to authorize, with changes, the Non-Legislative Motion presented by the Grupo Parlamentario Catalán (CiU – Catalanian Parliamentary Group) urging the execution of the arrests warrants for the people accused of murdering nine Spanish nationals, among them clergyman Joaquim Vallmajó and nurse María Flors Sirera, from Manresa, in the Great Lakes region and in Rwanda (1994-1997). The afore-mentioned Non-Legislative Motion was published in the “BOCG, Congreso de Diputados”, D series, Number 81 dated October 10 2008, as follows:

“The Congreso de Diputados [Spanish Congress] expresses its acknowledgment to all institutions, NGOs, religious congregations, and, in short, to all Spanish volunteers who work in the African region of the Great Lakes and in Rwanda. It also urges the Government (of Spain) to continue its involvement in advocating, as the Spanish Government has repeatedly done, the comprehensive, objective and independent investigation of the horrific murders of nine Spanish nationals in the Great Lakes region and in Rwanda (1994-2000); and in this way to contribute to achieve that the afore-mentioned cases be investigated and settled by the justice system -and, in the case of Joaquim Vallmajó who disappeared on April 26, 1994, by the International Criminal Court for Rwanda, based in Arusha- and to activate the mechanisms to turn over to the Spanish justice system the defendants judged by the Audiencia Nacional [Spain’s National Court]. “

We order the publication according to Article 97 of the Chamber Regulations.

Palacio del Congreso de los Diputados, December 11 2008 – The Secretary General of the Congreso de los Diputados, Manuel Alba Navarro.