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Dear Sir or Madam,

The campaign under the motto “**Its name is Vila-real. Write Vila-real**” was launched by the Councillorship of Linguistic Normalisation of the City Council of Vila-real, which is in charge of promoting the use of Catalan. The idea of launching this campaign was born from our concern about the name of our city, as we have realised it is incorrectly written all the time, despite having already campaigned for that reason before. We want to make clear that the name of our city is written in Catalan, with a hyphen and a small R: **Vila-real**.

This official denomination was approved by the Decree of the Generalitat Valenciana -self-government institutions under which the Spanish autonomous community called Valencian Community is politically organized- of November 15, 1982, as the obsolete terminology “Villarreal de los Infantes” was deleted. The file containing this modification was preceded by the corresponding municipal agreement (April 3 of the same year) and the required studies from the Royal Academy of History, the General Management of Local Administration of Valencian Community, and the Secretary of State for the Autonomous Communities.

On the other hand, on February 27, 2006, the Plenary Session of the City Council of Vila-real approved the **unique designation of Vila-real** for the city. That is to say, this name can't be modified; not even when it is translated from Catalan into another language (Spanish traditional nomenclature of “Villarreal” was abolished). In addition, the Council of the Generalitat issued the Decree 180/2006 of December 1, by which the exclusive Catalan form of Vila-real was approved, according to historical and philological criteria. This decree was published on the DOGV (*Official Newspaper of the Generalitat Valenciana*), number 5,402, on December 5, 2006, and it was also published on the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* (official gazette of the Government of Spain) on January 30, 2007.

In light of the foregoing reasons, we would like to ask you to use the historical and unique name of **Vila-real** and to modify your databases, in which the incorrect name of our city appears, if applicable.

Thank you for your attention and collaboration.

Yours sincerely,