Question for written answer E-009993/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Tania González Peñas (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Breach of the Water Framework Directive in Tapia de Casariego

One of the objectives of the Water Framework Directive adopted in March 2000 by Parliament and the Council is to protect and enhance aquatic ecosystems and to prevent their further deterioration. In this sense, we consider the proposed opening of a goldmine by Astur Gold just a few kilometres from the Cantabrian coast in the municipality of Tapia de Casariego (Asturias), as noted in a report this year by the Cantabrian Water Board, to be totally incompatible with Spain's compliance with this Directive.

In view of the above, what measures will the Commission take to ensure Spain's compliance with the Water Framework Directive in this case?

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