

**Question for written answer E-002200/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Infringement proceedings 2014/4011 concerning the assignment of construction and management contracts for the Civitavecchia - Livorno highway

In view of the fact that:

- on 11 March 2009, ANAS (Italian national highways authority) signed a Standard Concession Agreement with the company Autostrada Tirrenica, setting 31 October 2028 as the end date for the concession for the construction and management of the A12 Civitavecchia – Livorno highway;
- the Commission has argued that, since extension of a concession is equivalent to granting a new concession, the decision to extend the concession in question without publishing an announcement that would have opened the concession to competition seems to be contrary to the rules laid down by Directive 2004/18/EC;
- the Commission has argued that the Italian authorities have failed to comply with the undertaking they made in 2009 to reach an amicable settlement of the case;

can the Commission answer the following questions:

- Have the Italian authorities responded to the observations made with a reasoned opinion, and does the Commission think that opinion is satisfactory?
- Can the Commission provide full details of the current state of progress of the infringement proceedings?
- What action is the Commission planning to take?