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to the Commission**

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Subject:     Exploitation of river basins

In response to a series of complaints regarding the excessive exploitation of river basins feeding the Tagliamento, Oglio and Piave rivers in Italy (including areas designated as sites of Community importance (SCIs)), the European Commission has launched a pilot investigation, EU Pilot 6011/14/ENVI.

The Italian Government – specifically the Ministry of the Environment – is obligated to respond to the European Commission by providing a nationwide report on the situation, instead of merely focusing on the Tagliamento, Oglio and Piave rivers. This report would need to document the current situation, the number of on-going projects, and whether the assessment of the impact of pressures was carried out in accordance with the provisions of the EU Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC).

Can the Commission state what response it has received from the Italian authorities?

Can it furthermore reveal what actions it has undertaken following an analysis of said response?