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Subject: Discovery of hazardous waste in the province of Benevento

Members of Italy's Environmental and Forestry Police Investigation Unit (CFS) have carried out excavations in various areas of the communes of Morcone, Tocco Caudio and Sant'Agata de' Goti in the province of Benevento. These operations have uncovered numerous drums, most probably containing toxic substances, buried between 3 and 10 metres deep; many of them are seriously damaged and have leaked their contents. Some drums have labels bearing the word 'Genklene', the best known name of trichloroethane, a substance banned from trade under the 1996 Montreal Protocol. The substances buried in this way pose a threat to the groundwater and are located in areas planted with various agricultural crops.

Having regard to Directive 2008/98/EC, can the Commission inform the public and the European Parliament about the recovery and disposal operations carried out so far by the competent authorities?

Can the Commission say what measures have been taken to identify those responsible for these landfills and what steps it can take to put pressure on the relevant national authorities to protect citizens?