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Subject: Waste disposal in the commune of Colleferro

A temporary storage site for municipal solid waste (MSW) was opened in Colleferro (in the province of Rome) in 1992, which became a permanent landfill site in 1997 and then in 2005 was declared an environmental emergency site of national interest (SIN) for the reclamation of land polluted by beta-hexachlorocyclohexane.

The closure of the site, scheduled for 2009, was postponed for 10 years and in 2008, the Lazio Region authorised its expansion for 1 500 000 m³ of waste. AgenSEL, the company that manages the site, has plans to build a mechanical biological treatment plant in the area.

Replying to a question in January 2009, the Commission stated that action would be taken as a result of failure to respect European legislation and insufficient action to clean up the area (the relevant campaigns should have been completed by 22 December 2009).

On that basis, can the Commission answer the following questions:

- 1. Does it consider that continued waste dumping is in line with European legislation, in particular directives 2006/118/EC and 2008/105/EC? Does it plan to intervene with the Italian authorities in order to enforce reclamation measures and block any increase in waste disposal activity, and thereby safeguard the health of citizens and the environment?
- 2. Does the Commission believe that the choice for waste storage, of land that the report by the two chambers of the Italian Parliament on illegal waste disposal by criminal organisations describes as being at the crossroads of illegal activities, is compatible with EU objectives concerning the fight against organised crime?

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