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Subject: The Italian National Chart of Potentially Eligible Sites (CNAPI)

In line with the requirements of Council Directive 2011/70/EURATOM, Member States of the European Union are in the process of drawing up appropriate measures for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste.

In this respect, the Italian Government has devised the National Chart of Potentially Eligible Sites (CNAPI) in order to find a location for a national disposal facility for radioactive waste – a task delegated to the state-owned company Sogin S.p.A.

Despite the fact that the above project is already being dealt with by the relevant ministries, Italy is yet to develop a national programme pursuant to the provisions of Article 11 of Directive 70/2011. In addition, ISIN – the Italian National Inspectorate for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection and, in this case, the competent regulatory authority tasked with supervising the correct management of radioactive fuel – is not yet fully up and running, as its functions are currently the responsibility of the Department of Nuclear, Technological and Industrial Risk, a division of ISPRA (the Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research). It would also appear that Italy has failed to submit a report on the implementation of the above Directive within the timeframe specified in Article 14.

In light of the fact that nuclear safety is one of the top priorities of the EU and was even included amongst the objectives of the Luxembourg Presidency, can the Commission please indicate whether it has received any information on the management of radioactive waste in Italy, and what action it intends to take to ensure the safety of citizens?

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