Question for written answer E-012971/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Daniela Aiuto (EFDD)

Subject: Waste fire in the Vastese area

Over recent months a large number of fires have broken out in the Abruzzo region of Italy, in particular in the Vastese area and the Trigno Valley. The fires have been concentrated in areas containing illegal waste landfills and dumps and have resulted in potentially toxic smoke being given off for periods of several days. It should be pointed out that the local river, the Trigno, has been designated a site of Community importance (SCI).

- Will the Commission open investigations in order to establish the facts of the matter and, in particular, whether the requirements laid down in Directive 2008/98/EC have been met?
- Will it seek to establish whether the fires have caused any environmental damage and/or health risks, and will it publish its findings?

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