Question for written answer E-013888/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Laura Agea (EFDD)

Subject: Radioactivity hazard in a small-scale industrial and business area in Colonnetta di Fabro (Terni)

Between 1986 and 1990, in Fabro, province of Terni, Italy, more than a million tonnes of coal ash were buried over a large area that is currently used for small-scale industries and businesses.

The citizens of Fabro, alarmed by the failure of the authorities of the Member State in question to take action (when they are supposed to ensure that all landfills in the country are authorised, built and operated in compliance with the relevant EU legislation – more specifically, with Directive 1999/31/EC and Directive 2008/98/EC), sent a sample of ash they had collected from the site to a qualified laboratory in Vienna for testing.

The test results immediately sounded the alarm – the coal ash was radioactive.

The serious danger for the environment and health of the local population calls for immediate action by the authorities responsible.

What urgent measures will the Commission take to ascertain the facts as reported by the citizens of Fabro?

Should it be necessary, what measures will the Commission take, also in respect of the Member State in question, to protect the environment and health of the population?