

**Question for written answer E-014369/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Edgewater's moves against the Galician people

In October 2013, following one of the widest and most significant recent social mobilisations in Galicia, the president of the Government of Galicia announced that he had decided 'not to authorise the Corcoesto mine project (Cabana de Bergantiños)' because it did not comply with the requirements of current legislation.

Subsequently, on 11 March 2014, the Galician government issued a decision finally rejecting the mining project.

Recently, in October 2015, the Government of Galicia also confirmed expiry of the mining rights of the Canadian company Edgewater.

Edgewater brought legal proceedings against Spain. The latest claim, through its subsidiary Corcoesto SA registered in Panama, is for loss of investment and profit. This dispute is apparently to be resolved by an ad hoc arbitration board or by the Canadian International Resources and Development Institute (CIRDI).

1. Given the answer to question E-007767/2014, on what laws could that company's claim be based?
2. What measures does the Commission plan to take to protect the rights of the Galician people?