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to the Commission**

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Subject: Soil contamination at Cascina Calnago in Carpiano (Province of Milan)

In 2014, the agricultural company Fratelli Soldi (Cascina Calnago) received grants under the support schemes pursuant to Regulation EC No 73/2009 and the support measures under Regulation EC No 1698/2005.

Studies conducted by the Commission in 2007 and 2011 found that the soil at Cascina Calnago had been contaminated with heavy metals, furans, PCBs and dioxins and that 12 hectares of the land owned by the company were in need of decontamination and not suitable for agricultural use.

Nine years after that land was found to have been contaminated, and in the absence of any EU rules on soil protection, the Italian authorities have not proceeded to any form of decontamination or adopted any precautionary measures to safeguard human or animal health.

In the light of the above, can the Commission state:

1. why, given deterioration in the state of the soil, resources were still being allocated via measures under the CAP, and particularly through the EAFRD, and how this tallies with cross-compliance rules and, more particularly, with 'good agricultural and environmental conditions';
2. how this contributes to the Seventh Environment Action Programme, which stipulates that by 2020 the soil shall be adequately protected and the remediation of contaminated sites well underway;
3. how it will deliver on the commitment it made in 2014 when withdrawing the framework directive on soil protection?