

**Question for written answer E-000377/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Mining operation in Spain

In the valley of Amblés (Ávila, Spain), plans are afoot to operate an open-cast mine in accordance with Spanish regulations of 1973 (without any environmental protection). 120 000 people oppose these plans and 4 000 have lodged objections against the mine.

In view of the above, will the Commission urge the Spanish government to update the Mines Act of 1973 so as to comply with European health and environmental legislation?