

**Question for written answer E-000787/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Almaraz nuclear waste repository - violation of the Aarhus Convention

The Spanish Government has authorised the construction and setting-up of the Almaraz individualised temporary storage (ITS) facility at Almaraz nuclear plant, as recorded in Spain's Official State Gazette (BOE) on 14 December 2016.

It has been authorised in spite of the controversy over whether the ITS facility is really necessary. The Government of the Autonomous Community of Extremadura (*Junta de Extremadura*) claims, on the basis of calculations using data from the Spanish Nuclear Safety Council (CSN), that the Almaraz plant would have the capacity to store waste until the end of its service life, and is therefore against its construction.

The Portuguese Government has also made a formal complaint to the Commission, claiming that 'it was not officially informed by the Spanish Government' about the facility.

1. Does the Commission think that the Spanish Government has complied with the Aarhus Convention criteria?
2. Does the Commission think that the Spanish Government has breached Article 7 of Directive 2011/92/EU?
3. Is the Commission considering steps to force the Spanish Government to comply with the Aarhus Convention and Directive 2011/92/EU?