Question for written answer E-003750/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Florent Marcellesi (Verts/ALE)

Subject: Fait accompli policy over the Biscarrués reservoir plan

On 28 May 2015 the Commission served Spain with a letter of formal notice concerning infringement No 2014/4023 for its failure to comply with its obligations under various articles of the Water Framework Directive with regard to the environmental impact statement for the planned reservoir at Biscarrués (Aragón), stating that the plan contained interpretations that ran contrary to the Directive. Whether the Commission accepted the Spanish Government's response to this is not known, as the Commission has placed restrictions on access to information on this file. However, the Spanish Government has just made information on this plan public.

This being the case, has the Commission approved the environmental impact statement?

If not, would it agree that in employing a fait accompli policy that ignores the Commission's final decision, one which could result in construction of the planned reservoir being prohibited, the Spanish Government is acting in bad faith?

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