

**Question for written answer E-004973/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Discharge of sewage on Los Lances beach and other beaches in Tarifa/Cádiz in SCI ES0000337

Los Lances beach in the municipality of Tarifa, which falls within the 'Estrecho' natural park (SCI ES0000337), has been affected by discharges of untreated sewage for years. The situation has been reported to the authorities and to the Commission year after year (see written questions E-5857/06 and E-3617/09). Similar conditions can be found in the remaining beaches around Tarifa. The reasoned opinion sent to Spain in 2008 has had little effect and the situation has worsened over time. Technical reports issued by the authorities class the bathing water as excellent<sup>1</sup>.

1. Does the Commission consider it acceptable that a beach whose promenade was subsidised from European funds has been flooded with sewage for years and that it is covered up with fresh sand for the summer season, thus disguising the real situation, while the reports contain untruths and human health is being damaged?
2. What action will the Commission take to protect the safety of residents, tourists and the environment?

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<http://nayade.msssi.es/Splayas/ciudadano/verCategoriaCiudadanoAction.do;jsessionid=v50MZlscY8lwKzJSgL4LrhcnQhcvchghG0ZX60Mqh2bBNqGLMM2!179009191!-1364713496>