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to the Commission**

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Subject: Repeated malfunctions in the Almaraz nuclear power plant (Extremadura)

On 10 April 2017, the Almaraz I reactor unexpectedly ceased functioning after its automatic shutdown process was triggered by a loss of current in 'bar 1A2', the electrical connection which powers the nuclear reactor systems and is vital to the smooth operation of all control and safety systems.

This is not the first time that this has happened: in January 2016, when the nuclear power plant became operational following fuel regeneration in reactor 1, a similar fault brought it to a standstill. On 8 April 2017 another incident took place involving the electrical safeguard system in the Almaraz II unit.

Organisations such as the Iberian Anti-nuclear Movement and Ecologists in Action have drawn attention to these incidents and are demanding an in-depth investigation with a view to establishing the specific cause of these repeated malfunctions.

Given the EU's regulatory powers regarding nuclear safety (Directives 2009/71/Euratom and 2014/87/Euratom):

1. Will the EU authorities take action in response to the repeated safety incidents taking place in this nuclear power plant?
2. Given its proximity to Portugal, which has not been allowed to examine the facilities, should they not now be inspected by a committee of European experts?