Question for written answer E-005794/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Massimo Paolucci (S&D)

Subject: ILVA Taranto, integrated environmental authorisation and protection of public health

The application for an integrated environmental authorisation for the new measures and for changes to the plan of environmental and health protection measures for ILVA Taranto, submitted by AM Investco Italy, derived from the industrial plan agreed between Arcelor Mittal-Marcegaglia and the Italian Government, provides for mineral stores to remain uncovered for a very long time and for derogations until 2023 from requirements to reduce harmful emissions, while no guarantees are to be offered to workers in relation to the approximately 4 000 redundancies planned.

Yet the people of Taranto have for years been suffering from emissions of toxic dust from the establishment.

When an official delegation from the Environment Committee of the European Parliament went on a visit in July 2016, it was surprising to learn of the decision of the local health authority to permit people to engage in sports in the open air and to open the windows of dwellings only from 12.00 until 18.00.

In the light of the above, does not the Commission believe that the new measures provided for by the integrated environmental authorisation, for which the Italian State has provided a loan of EUR 800 million, are totally inadequate and that therefore all the time frames contained in the application by AM Investco Italy should be replaced by reinstating those specified in the plan of measures approved by the Prime Ministerial Decree of 14 March 2014?

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