

**Question for written answer E-007446/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Pollution by heavy industry in the Bay of Algeciras within the area administered by the Port Authority of the Bay of Algeciras (APBA)

Four municipalities and Gibraltar (UK) share a border with APBA. They also border the sites of Community importance ES6120006, ES0000049, ES0000337 and ES6120032. These were small fishing ports which have become sites for heavy industry out of all proportion, where the authorities disregard environmental studies and complaints and where judicial interventions are just closed down. New industrial projects and new land fills remain an uncontrolled threat. The topography bears witness to the disappearance of entire hills in order to provide material for land fills. The expansion into the sea, the connections for terrestrial transport, the heliport and the recent waste water treatment plant which does not prevent all discharges have been financed with European funds. No account has been taken of the synergy of polluting industries both in Spain and in the bordering country, so that the bay has become a 'powder keg' in all respects, both environmentally and socially.

In view of this:

1. What does the Commission intend to do to prevent European directives from being ridden over roughshod and to require the Spanish authorities to preserve their habitats?
2. Does the Commission consider that European directives are not being breached by this limitless expansion into the sea to give more space to polluting industries with the excuse that this is in the "general interest"?
3. Does the Commission intend to call for a moratorium on all projects and to clarify this anomalous situation?