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Subject: Irregularities at the ILVA iron and steel works in Taranto

Decree law No 1 of 5 January 2015 has entered into force in Italy. This decree law:

- a. authorises the creation of landfill sites for waste in breach of Directive 1999/31/EC and defers the implementation of Directive 2010/75/EU without defining priorities for health and the environment;
- b. applies in regard to state aid the new Guidelines on the rescue and restructuring of undertakings in difficulty (2014/C 249/01);
- c. states that the environmental plan will be deemed to have been complied with if 80 % of its requirements have been achieved by 31 July 2015, without indicating a priority for protection of health and the environment.

In view of the above and of the Commission's reasoned opinion of 16 October 2014 concerning deficiencies such as lack of compliance with the conditions set out in the permits, inadequate management of by-products and wastes and insufficient protection and monitoring of soil and groundwater:

- How will the Commission ensure that Article 8 of Directive 2010/75/EC and Directive 1999/31/EC are enforced?
- 2. Will it verify whether the aid granted meets the conditions laid down in the new guidelines, making it clear who, pursuant to Directive 2004/35/EC, is liable for environmental damage?
- 3. Did Italy reply to the reasoned opinion within the two months stipulated?

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