Question for written answer P-004513/2018 to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Halting work on a high-speed train project in Murcia owing to a failure to comply with EU

legislation

In its answer to written question E-002404/2018, the Commission stated that it took the view that Directive 2011/92/EU had not been correctly transposed into Spanish law. The ongoing project to bring a high-speed overground AVE rail line into Murcia is in clear breach of EU legislation as it involves the installation of more than 3 km of high-voltage, 20 kW overhead power cables within metres of residential areas. Furthermore, no favourable environmental impact statement has been issued, as required under the directive concerned.

Does the Commission take the view that work on the AVE project in Murcia can continue despite this blatant breach of EU legislation? Or does it think that project should be halted until the procedure launched against the Spanish Government has been concluded, so as to ensure that people in the area suffer no irreparable harm as a result of the building work?

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