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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Subject: Petition 2160/2013 by Gaetano Savoca (Italian) concerning the Cupinoro landfill site in the province of Rome

Petition 2167/2013 by Claudia Casetti (Italian) concerning the Cupinoro landfill site

Petition 2222/2013 by Angelo Alfani (Italian) concerning the Cupinoro landfill site in the municipality of Bracciano (Lazio – Italy)

Petition 2330/2013 2013 by Roberta Angelilli (Italian) and Alfredo Antoniozzi (Italian), on the situation concerning waste management in the Province of Rome and proposed use of the landfill site in Cupinoro

Petition 2478/2013 by Marco Tellaroli (Italian), on the Cupinoro landfill site

1. Summary of petition 2160/2013

The petitioner expresses concern at waste management shortcomings in Lazio, particularly in the province of Rome. He also objects to the use by the Rome city authorities of a small landfill site in Cupinoro near the lake of Bracciano.

Summary of petition 2167/2013

The petitioner expresses concern at waste management shortcomings in Lazio, particularly in the province of Rome. He also objects to the use by the Rome city authorities of a small landfill site in Cupinoro near the lake of Bracciano.

Summary of petition 2222/2013

The petitioner expresses concern at the shortcomings of waste management in Lazio, particularly in the province of Rome, objecting to the use by the Rome city authorities of the small landfill site at Cupinoro situated near Lake Bracciano.

Summary of petition 2330/2013

The petitioners draw attention to the inefficiency of waste management in Lazio, and particularly in the Province of Rome. They are especially protesting against use by the city of Rome of the small landfill site in Cupinoro, which is close to Lake Bracciano.

Summary of petition 2478/2013

The petitioner draws attention to the inefficient management of waste in the Lazio region, and in particular in the province of Rome. In this regard, he protests at the use by part of the City of Rome of the small landfill site in Cupinoro, near Lake Bracciano.

2. Admissibility

Petition 2160/2013 declared admissible on 5 September 2014.
Petition 2167/2013 declared admissible on 5 September 2014
Petition 2222/2013 declared admissible on 17 September 2014
Petition 2330/2013 declared admissible on 22 September 2014
Petition 2478/2013 declared admissible on 23 October 2014
Information requested from Commission under Rule 216(6).

3. Commission reply, received on 30 January 2015

Petitions 2160/2013, 2167/2013, 2222/2013, 2330/2013 and 2478/2013

As concerns the situation of waste management in Lazio, on 15/10/2014 the EU Court issued its judgment in the case initiated by the Commission within the infringement procedure (Case C-323/13).

In this judgment the Court found that Italy has failed to comply with Directive 1999/31/EC (Landfill Directive)¹ and Directive 2008/98/EC (Waste Directive)² in the Lazio region because some of the municipal waste landfilled in Lazio was not subjected, prior to landfilling, to a mechanical-biological treatment (MBT) that would ensure sorting of the different waste fractions and stabilisation of the organic fraction contained in the waste. The Court also found that, as a consequence of the insufficient MBT capacity in Lazio, Italy has failed to ensure that the region has an integrated and adequate network of waste disposal installations for mixed municipal waste taking into account best available techniques.

As regards the Cupinoro landfill mentioned by the petitioners, this landfill is covered by the

¹ Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste (Official Journal L 182, 16.7.1999, p. 1).

² Directive 2008/98/EC on waste (Official Journal L 312, 22.11.2008, p. 3).

above judgment because it is one of the Lazio landfills where some municipal waste has been disposed of without the necessary MBT.

On the other hand, as concerns the Italian authorities' intention to build a new landfill in Falcognana, the information available to the Commission, including the information submitted by the petitioners, does not allow to identify a breach of EU environmental law. In particular, the Commission has no evidence that the project has been finally authorised in breach of Directive 2011/92/EU (EIA Directive)¹ or in breach of other relevant EU provisions, including in particular the Landfill and Waste Directives.

Conclusion

Following the above judgment, the Commission will check that the Italian authorities are taking the necessary measures to ensure that the Lazio landfills, including the Cupinoro site, do not receive waste which has not undergone the necessary MBT.

On the other hand, as concerns the Italian authorities' intention to build a new landfill in Falcognana, since at this stage there is no evidence of a potential breach of EU environmental law, the Commission will not investigate further into the matter.

¹ Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (Official Journal L 026, 28.1.2012, p. 1).