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to the Commission**

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Subject: The Corcolle/San Vittorino landfill

On 24 October 2011, the special Commissioner appointed to help overcome the environmental emergency in the Province of Rome announced that he had identified sites for new landfills in Rome, following the announced closure of the Malagrotta landfill site in the wake of infringement procedure No 2011/4021.

The site identified, in the Corcolle/San Vittorino area, is clearly inappropriate due to environmental, archaeological, landscape and urban planning constraints. Indeed, there are three watercourses in the area which pose a flooding risk and there are nine sites of archaeological interest (the best known of which is the nearby Hadrian's Villa, a Unesco heritage site). Furthermore, no provision has been made for the site to be placed at a safe distance from houses and residential buildings.

The response by the regional institutions to the Commission's infringement procedure has not been to take steps to increase the efficiency and sustainability of the waste cycle (as requested by the Commission itself), but rather to open up new landfills in inappropriate sites. While the Commission says that measures should be taken which avoid or reduce any impact on the environment or risks to human health, the opposite is actually being done.

Given the above, does the Commission not attach any importance to the fact that all the local communities in the area in question have objected to the identification of this site and that the decision to occupy the land was made before the outcome of the appeal made by local citizens and residents to the regional administrative court (TAR)?

Does the Commission not agree that the construction of a landfill in an area that is so close to many residential buildings, rivers at risk of breaking their banks and archaeological sites and monuments of world renown could cause serious damage to the landscape and health?

Lastly, does the Commission not agree that the identification of new sites to be used as landfills should also involve the communities concerned, through processes of consultation and communication prior to any decision-making?