Question for written answer E-003804/2019 to the Commission Rule 138 Maria Spyraki (PPE)

Subject: Uranium discovered in the water supply of Mikrokomi, a village in the municipality of Volvi

The Volvi Municipal Water and Sewerage Corporation has warned residents of the village of Mikrokomi against the domestic consumption or use of tap water after examining samples contaminated by high levels of extremely radioactive uranium isotopes. Council Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption sets out the basic standards that must be met in this respect, requiring Member States to carry out regular inspections of water taken from 'sampling points' to ensure compliance. On 1 February 2018, in response to the European Citizens' Initiative 'Right2Water', the Commission adopted a proposal for a revised version of the directive with a view to ensuring sustainable growth and transition to a circular economy, adding uranium to the list of assessment parameters (Part B of Annex I).

In view of this:

- 1. Can the Commission say whether Greece has done enough over the last three years to ensure that water quality meets the requirements of Directive 98/83/EC?
- 2. What was the basis for the uranium parametric value of 30 µg/l contained in the Commission proposal?