Question for written answer E-005097/2020/rev.1 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Turów lignite mine

On 14 July 2020, the PETI Committee held a public hearing on a petition against the expansion of the Turów lignite mine. The petition reveals that the expansion of Turów will lead to a serious loss of drinking water in the Czech Republic. According to the information presented by the Commission at the hearing, the Czech Republic had reported the issue to the Commission using a mechanism prescribed by Article 12 of the Water Framework Directive.

- 1. What exactly was the content and timing of the Czech report to the Commission? Were any recommendations provided on how the problem might be resolved?
- 2. What steps has the Commission taken so far to try to resolve this bilateral Polish-Czech issue?
- 3. As the matter is supposed to be dealt with within six months, what other steps is the Commission planning in order to resolve it?