

Brussels, 13 February 2014

Dear Commissioner,

Over the past months the Commission and the EP have often been confronted with the extraordinary urgency to deal with the enormous pressure on environment and health posed by the ILVA in Taranto. Peacelink and other citizens group, with the support of the European and Italian Greens, have systematically presented your services with evidence based on official reports released by ISPRA and many other pieces of official documentation, showing this unacceptable degradation of living and environmental standards and the lack of action of Italian authorities.

On Sept. 26th 2013, the Commission launched a procedure of infringement against Italy, which did not proceed since then. We consider that moving to the next stage of the procedure is very urgent, also considering the recent decisions taken by the Italian government and Parliament. Last week, Italy approved the Law 6 February 2014, N.6, so called ILVA/TERRA DEI FUOCHI, which in our opinion represents yet another infringement of EU law, and notably the IPPC directive. The law states in fact that ILVA can continue working normally, having only *started the adoption of 80% of the AIA prescriptions*.

The Commissioner nominated by the Government for ILVA will therefore be able to choose which prescription to implement and which not, continuing no doubt in a long series of commitment which are long overdue and which we signalled to the Commission over the last year. Amongst the 20% to be left out, there can be important ones like the covering of mineral parks and the measures to be taken to stop uncontrolled emissions, dangerous for their consequences on the population and the environment of Taranto.

There are several others points in the law that raise concerns but what we would like to focus more urgently is the non-respect of the IPPC directive. We would therefore ask to meet you urgently on this matter at your best convenience.

With our best regards

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