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Commissioner Margrethe Vestager  
EU Commissioner for Competition

Copy: President Jean-Claude Juncker,  
EU Commission President

Copy: Commissioner Karmenu Vella,  
EU Commissioner for Environment and Fisheries

Dear Commissioner,

It is with great sadness that today I hastily write this letter to convey to you the data on dioxin in Taranto that has been released this afternoon.

Values of dioxin found in Taranto in November 2014, which means under state administration, are almost 18 times higher than the values found in the same area when ILVA belonged to the Riva Group and was administered by the private company.

The value that has been diffused today is of **790 picograms of dioxin per square meter per day, where the threshold reference value is 21.**

The Ministry of Environment and the Government, which were in possession of the data, should explain why such a dramatic value was not shared.

The data on the presence of dioxin in the period August 2013- February 2015 are extremely worrying, they are incredible, dramatic. The deposit-recording instruments have recorded those values not inside the plant, but outside, in the Tamburi area. Where people live.

This is a silent genocide. Is this the ILVA at norm?

Peacelink asks the European Commission to enquire with the Italian Authorities with immediate urgency.

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