



## Parliamentary questions

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**Question for written answer  
to the Commission**

**Rule 130**

**Fernando Maura Barandiarán (ALDE)**

► **Subject: New filling project in Gibraltar**

 Answer(s)

Pursuing its policy to systematically carry out filling operations to reclaim land from the sea, the Government of Gibraltar recently gave the go-ahead for the 'Western Beach land reclamation and construction of sports facilities' project to fill an area of 73,000 m<sup>2</sup> destined for leisure and light industrial use.

In light of the above and bearing in mind that the area earmarked for filling — to the north of the airport runway — is situated along the isthmus and is therefore under Spanish sovereignty:

1. What measures will the Commission take to ensure the provisions of Article 7 of Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council are complied with?
2. Does the Commission believe that the systematic filling of an area designated as a site of Community importance is a sustainable environmental policy?
3. What preventative measures can the Commission take to prevent the environmental damage that can be expected in such a case, and to ensure that Gibraltar rectifies damage already caused in other areas?

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