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He has asked for information to the United Kingdom on the nuclear submarine

The European Commission will investigate the consequences of the presence of the Tireless in Gibraltar

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The Head of Unit of the Main directorate of Medio.ambiente (European Commission), S. Kaiser has answered the denunciation interposed by Verdemar?Ecologistas in Action in relation to the possible impact in the population of the Field of Gibraltar of the operations of repair in Gibraltar of the nuclear submarine Tireless.

In this answer they inform us that indeed she corresponds to the Commission to determine the type of measures that have been taken, considering the vicinity of another State Member and if these adjust to the arranged thing in Directors 86/618/EURATOM, of 27 of November of 1989, relative one to the information of the population on the applicable measures of sanitary protection and on the behavior to follow in case of radiological emergency and the Director 96/29/EURATOM, by whom the basic norms settle down relative to the sanitary protection of the workers and the population against the risks that are from the ionizing radiations. From Ecologists in Action it is understood that no of these directors has been fulfilled by the Authorities of the United Kingdom, reason why will inform properly into it to the European Commission.

Into another part, the European Commission informs to us that more information in relation to the repair of the submarine has been put in contact with the authorities of the United Kingdom soliciing and remembering its obligations to them by virtue of Treaty EURATOM. Once the authorities of the United Kingdom send to the Commission an answer on this subject, will return to put themselves in contact with us. On the basis of this information, Ecologists in Action will decide the actions that will be undertaken so that the United Kingdom fulfills communitarian the legislation effective, since the repair of a nuclear reactor without taking the adapted measures to protect the surroundings and the health of the people is a fact that under no concept can be allowed.

The European Commission indicates to us in its writing that " moan to inform to him that the EURATON treaty does not establish specific competitions of the Commission that allow this one... to force the United Kingdom to move their submarine and that does not have competition either to influence the technological decisions of the States Members in

the military scope ". Once again with the army we have run into, with the interests of the " defense " are not worth the citizen rights to the information neither to the health nor to the medio.ambiente.

Ecologists in Action fear that it happens as always and we are with a new legal emptiness like always has happened with the subject of the spills of Gibraltar, which has caused that there are been throwing sweepings to the sea during decades. This legal emptiness or the military competitions, or as they want to call it, can cause that nuclear submarines on the Rock without counting on no safety measures are repaired. Impunity is served.