

**Question for written answer E-014824/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Non-fulfilment of Directive 2011/70/Euratom in the renewal of the operating licence for the Garoña nuclear power station to enable it to remain operational into its 60th year

In June 2014, Nuclenor submitted to the Spanish Council for Nuclear Safety (CNS) an application for the renewal of the operating licence for Garoña nuclear power station until 2031, when the nuclear reactor will be 60 years old, despite the fact that no reactors anywhere in the world have remained in service longer than 45 years.

The renewal of this licence would be a disturbing precedent and result in a marked increase in the amount of nuclear fuel used, when the CNS has only just approved – and not unanimously – the site licence for the temporary centralised storage facility in Villar de Cañas (Cuenca), with several serious issues still to be resolved.

Is the Commission aware that in June 2013, despite the lack of unanimity in the CNS plenary, the Spanish Government modified *ad hoc* the Regulation on Nuclear and Radiation Facilities to exempt Nuclenor from having to apply for a new operating licence for Garoña (following the expiry of the previous one) and granting it an additional year (which was not legally possible until then) to request renewal of the operating licence for Garoña – with less stringent requirements than for a new operating licence – as was described by a member of the CNS on 30 July 2013¹?

¹ https://www.csn.es/images/stories/documentos_adjuntos/actualidad_y_datos/voto_particular.pdf