

**Question for written answer E-014397/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Josu Juaristi Abaunz (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Re-opening of the Garoña nuclear power plant following work on the reactor vessel

In February 2014, the Spanish Government approved a legislative amendment giving the go-ahead for the Garoña nuclear power plant to apply to renew its licence to become operational once again, despite the fact that, administratively speaking, it had already been shut down.

The plant was designed to operate for 40 years, but following the modifications that Spain's Nuclear Safety Council (CSN) required in order for it to re-open (including checks on the operational status and structural integrity of the reactor vessel and its components), that operating life could run to a total of 61 years.

At present, the CSN's opinion – which is expected in the next few months – is all that is needed for the plant to become operational once again.

Bearing in mind the particular circumstances of the plant (age, lack of investment, etc.), but also the mounting uncertainty and suspicion, as well as the increasing number of reports of irregularities:

1. Is the Commission aware of the Spanish Government's intention to re-open the Garoña plant?
2. What is the Commission's opinion on the work carried out on the reactor vessel?
3. Is the Commission aware of the risks that this could pose to both public health and the environment?