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to the Commission

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Subject: Compliance with Directive 2010/75/EU of the integrated environmental authorisation (IEA) review for Acciaierie d'Italia

In the context of the review of the IEA for the Taranto steel plant, Italian legislation provides for the addition of a programme agreement, Articles 10 and 11 of which defer health data and commitments to stages following the release of the authorisation.

Under Requirement No 2, the final investigation opinion requires the operator to submit an update to the health impact study within three months of the release of the IEA, including NO₂ and SO₂, emissions data from the power plant and exposure scenarios in public and coastal areas.

The Istituto Superiore di Sanità (National Health Institute – ISS) is able to express its views only 30 days after the document has been sent. Further problems reported by the ISS¹ were postponed with deadlines of between 3 and 24 months.

In the light of Directive 2010/75/EU and the judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-626/22, which require a comprehensive and preventive assessment of health and environmental risks:

1. Is it compatible with that directive to issue the IEA before the mandatory health assessments?
2. Does the Commission consider it fair to make the ISS's opinion subject to post-authorisation requirements?
3. Will it verify compliance with the directive and the legitimacy of making the review subject to a programme agreement?

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¹ Requirements Nos 73, 74, 76, 77, 78 and 80 a/b.