MINISTERS' DEPUTIES Decisions **CM/Del/Dec(2026)1563/H46-21** 11 June 2026

1563rd meeting, 9-11 June 2026 (DH)

H46-21 Cordella and Others v. Italy (Application No. 54414/13)

Supervision of the execution of the European Court's judgments

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The Deputies

1. recalled that this group of cases concerns the authorities' failure to take the necessary measures to ensure the protection of the applicants from pollution caused by the former ILVA steel plant in Taranto, and the lack of effective remedies enabling them to obtain measures securing the depollution of the areas concerned;

As regards individual measures

2. decided to close the repetitive case of *Briganti and Others* without prejudice to the examination of the required general measures in this group and adopted Final Resolution CM/ResDH(2026)136;

3. invited the authorities to explore appropriate solutions in consultation with the Secretariat to overcome the obstacles preventing the payment of the sums awarded by the Court in the remaining cases of this group;

As regards general measures

4. noted with satisfaction the information indicating that in 2026 only a very limited number of the works envisaged by the environmental plan to reduce the plant's emissions output remained to be carried out; called on the authorities to ensure their swift completion and to keep the Committee informed;

5. recalled that the execution of these judgments requires ensuring that as a result of the measures adopted, the functioning of the former ILVA steelworks no longer jeopardises human health and the environment and highlighted the increased urgency of this requirement in light of the passage of time;

6. noted, in this connection, the renewal in July 2025 of the authorisation to operate the former ILVA steelworks and the studies and assessments conducted in that process, including the review by the National Health Institute of the health impact assessment carried out by the operators of the plant and the conclusions drawn in its report of March 2025; considered positively that these findings and the necessary recommendations to address them were integrated into the renewed authorisation to operate the plant;

7. noted however that in February 2026 the Milan District Court found that the functioning of the plant continued to pose health risks, partly disapplied the authorisation to operate it and ordered the adoption by 23 August 2026 of remedial action; invited therefore the authorities to keep the Committee informed of the developments in these proceedings, including any measures adopted to address the issues identified therein and by the National Institute of Health in the context of the renewal process;

8. noted with interest the judicial decisions provided, including in the Milan proceedings, which further confirms that access to civil courts is available to individuals when their right to health is affected by pollution from industrial activities; invited the authorities to keep the Committee informed about any additional judicial decisions that may be relevant to assess the scope and nature of the available protection;

9. recalling that, following the closure of the supervision of the *Di Sarno and Others* case, the Committee follows in this group also the issue of domestic remedies in case of pollution caused by the poor waste management; invited the authorities to provide information on this issue in response to the Committee decision of March 2025 in that case;

10. took note of the authorities' indication that criminal immunity provisions for plant managers have not been applied in any reported case to date and invited them to provide information in case of any future use of such provisions;

11. invited the authorities to submit updated information on the remaining outstanding questions outlined above no later than the end of December 2026.