

## Resolutions and Recommendations Sheets

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### Resolution 90. Exploration for and exploitation of unconventional gas or liquid fossil fuels




Year	Congress
2012	
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
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Petition	
<p>Calls on States to: prohibit hydro-fracture, reassess and monitor ongoing activities related to non-conventional fossil fuels, cease granting new permits for the exploration or exploitation of non-conventional fossil fuels until they have been evaluated and then approved through scientific review, ensure the necessary transparency and dialogue, and support the development of renewable energy sources as the main alternative to the exploitation of fossil fuels. Requests the Director-General to commission a report on the impacts of the exploitation of non-conventional fossil fuels. Requests the IUCN Environmental Law Programme to coordinate a comparative study on the different legal regimes governing the exploration and exploitation of non-conventional fossil fuels and provide guidance on best practice and the development of legislation or regulations.</p>	
State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process
Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain	
<p><a href="#">Drilling for gas in La Rinconada (Seville).</a>  <a href="#">Fracking projects in Jaen and underwater prospecting on the eastern coast of Andalusia.</a>  <a href="#">Drafting of "Oil NO, neither here nor in the Arctic The energy dependence on fossil fuels has a solution" by Greenpeace.</a>  <a href="#">Statement on shale oil and gas, coal bed methane and hydraulic fracturing.</a></p> <p><b>UPDATE 2022</b>  <a href="#">The College of Geologists regrets that Spain has not taken the opportunity to explore its own energy resources. (2022).</a>  <a href="#">The PP proposes reforming the law to extract its own gas and guarantee energy sovereignty. (2022).</a>  <a href="#">The Government rules out lifting the ban on 'fracking' to produce more of its own energy. (2022).</a></p> <p>Legislation:  <a href="#">DOUE-L-2014-80246</a>: Commission Recommendation (on minimum principles for the exploration and production of hydrocarbons (such as shale gas) using high-volume hydraulic fracturing), <a href="#">BOE-A-2015-8274</a>: Law 6/2015 (on additional environmental protection measures for the extraction of non-conventional hydrocarbons and hydraulic fracturing or "fracking"), <a href="#">BOE-A-2014-7787</a>: Plenary Judgement 106/2014 (Appeal of unconstitutionality 498-2014. Interposed by the President of the Government against the Law of the Parliament of Cantabria 1/2013, of 15 April, which regulates the prohibition in the territory of the Autonomous Community of Cantabria of hydraulic fracking as a technique for the investigation and extraction of non-conventional gas. Competences on energy regime and environment: nullity of the autonomous law that prohibits, in an absolute and unconditional way, a certain technique of investigation and exploitation of hydrocarbons (STC 64/1982)), <a href="#">Report on the environmental impact of the extraction of gas and oil from shale</a> (2011/2308(INI)).  <a href="#">Law 7/2021, of May 20</a>, on climate change and energy transition. No new authorizations will be granted for the use of high volume hydraulic fracturing.</p>	

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Estimated geographical scope	Geographical scope achieved
	

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