

**Question for written answer E-005640/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: On-line trade in ivory

In February 2013, Interpol published the Project Web report 'An investigation into the ivory trade over the internet in the European Union', according to which hundreds of ivory goods had been offered for sale on auction sites in nine European countries over a period of two weeks, at a total estimated value of at least EUR 1.45 million.

Ahead of the 65th session of the CITES Standing Committee, which will be held in Geneva from 7 to 11 July 2014, and in the light of the European Parliament resolution of 15 January 2014 on Wildlife Crime, which calls for the EU and the Member States to fully implement the Project Web recommendations, how does the Commission plan to improve the means of collecting comprehensive and reliable data on the on-line trade in ivory so as to establish the precise link between the illegal importation of ivory into the EU and its sale on the internet?

Will it bring forward EU legislation specifically targeting the on-line trade in ivory and other products derived from endangered species, basing this on the provisions relating to the on-line trade in such products contained in the Act on Trade in Endangered Species adopted by the Czech Republic?