

**Question for written answer E-008007/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Whaling in Greenland

On 14 September 2014, the Commission advised Member States at an International Whaling Commission meeting to vote to increase the quota of whales that Greenland can hunt. On 15 September 2014, the EU led an international démarche against Iceland for allowing commercial whaling. Greenland enjoys exemption from the international moratorium on commercial whaling by claiming that its quota is for Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling. This exemption only applies where the whale meat is for local consumption. The EU has condemned commercial whaling in Iceland, but it appears that commercial whaling is still a problem in Greenland, as the Animal Welfare Institute has found whale meat readily available for sale in many restaurants, and promoted to tourists.

1. Is the Commission aware of the claims that Greenland is whaling for commercial purposes?
2. Can the Commission explain why they supported increasing the whaling quota for Greenland, while condemning commercial whaling in Iceland?