

**Question for written answer E-005726/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Edward Czesak (ECR)

Subject: Japan's decision to resume whaling in the 2015-2016 season

The International Court of Justice (ICJ), in its judgment of 31 March 2014, rejected Japan's scientific whaling programme and found that the special permits granted by Japan to kill, take and treat fin, humpback and Antarctic minke whales did not fall within the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 1, of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling and were not in conformity with its obligations under several paragraphs of the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling.

What medium-term and long-term action will the Commission take to block whaling by Japan once and for all?