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to the Commission**

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Subject: Hunting of pilot whales in the Faroe Islands

The Commission is certainly aware of the continued practice of hunting pilot whales in the Faroe Islands.

As the Commission noted in its earlier replies to the relevant parliamentary questions, the Faroe Islands are effectively excluded from the jurisdiction of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS or Bonn Convention) and the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Berne Convention), while the Danish authorities reportedly continue to protect the whale hunters with their coastguard and/or police forces, among other things disrupting the actions of anti-hunting activists.

Will the Commission consider investigating whether the actions of the Danish authorities to protect pilot whale hunting are in line with Denmark's international obligations under the CITES and the Bonn and Berne Conventions, to which the Kingdom of Denmark is a party?