

Question for written answer E-005210/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: The hunting of songbirds in Cyprus

In autumn 2016 alone, over 800 000 songbirds were illegally killed in Cyprus. An investigation into this practice found that illegal and 'invisible' mist nets were used to cover acacia trees to catch these birds.

1. I would be grateful if you could let me know what further action the Commission is taking to stop this barbaric process. In 1974, laws were introduced to ban non-selective capture methods, including lime-sticks and mist nets. Bird trapping is also illegal under the European Union (EU) Birds Directive and the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (known as the Bern Convention), both of which Cyprus has adopted.