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Answer given by Mr Vella  
on behalf of the Commission  
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The Commission is aware of the report the Honourable Member refers to and has studied it in detail. The report describes the negative impact of certain Eucalyptus species in Spain and recommends the inclusion of these species on the Spanish catalogue of invasive alien species.

In order to start the process for including the species on the list of invasive alien species of Union concern, as provided for in Regulation (EU) 1143/2014<sup>1</sup>, a risk assessment needs to be submitted in compliance with the requirements under Article 5(1) of this Regulation. The report mentioned above does not comply with these requirements, inter alia as it only covers Spain and not the Union as a whole. Further work would be needed to process it into a risk assessment before it could be used for the consideration of listing the species on the Union list.

Nevertheless, based on the evidence presented in the report, Spain could address the species as an invasive alien species of national concern, even if not on the Union list.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 35