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to the Commission**

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Subject: Protection of wolves in the Habitats Directive

The extensive livestock farming sector is becoming increasingly concerned about attacks on flocks and herds by species protected by the Habitats Directive, such as wolves. The protection afforded to the wolf has allowed it to repopulate in many areas where its survival was once in doubt. However, this is having negative effects, namely the aforementioned attacks on animals with an important environmental function.

On 3 May 2018, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the current situation and future prospects for the sheep and goat sectors in the EU (2017/2117(INI)), which, among other things, called for a review of the annexes to the Habitats Directive to address this issue.

1. What is the Commission's position on this issue, which is now not only an economic one but also an environmental one, and given the risk that many extensive livestock farmers will leave the sector as they are unable to take action against these attacks?
2. Has the Commission assessed the possibilities for reviewing the existing annexes to the Habitats Directive?