

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4079/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Bird trapping on Cyprus

Birdlife International alleges that illegal bird trapping on Cyprus, using both mist nets and lime sticks, has increased by 100% over the past year, despite Government assurances to the contrary.

Will the Commission state whether the trapping of migratory birds in these ways will be contrary to EU law after the accession of Cyprus on 1 May 2004?

If so, has the Commission indicated to the Government of Cyprus that infringement proceedings may commence rapidly if the situation continues after the date of accession?