

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0914/04  
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to the Commission

Subject:           Illegal bird-trapping in Cyprus

Each year an estimated 12 million birds are illegally trapped while on migration through Cyprus. The use of such trapping methods as mist nets and lime sticks, which contravenes the Birds Directive, is still widespread.

Given that Cyprus has to fully implement and enforce the Birds Directive (79/409/EEC<sup>1</sup>) and the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC<sup>2</sup>) as of 1 May 2004, what action is the Commission taking to curb the practice of illegal bird-trapping and to ensure full implementation and enforcement by the date of accession?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 103, 25.4.1979, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.