

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6763/08  
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to the Commission

Subject: Conservation of wild birds in Malta

In December 2007 I asked the Commission how the Birds Directive 79/409/EEC<sup>1</sup> could be implemented with regard to the hunting of birds in Malta (Question E-6009/07). The Commission responded by saying that it had sent Malta a reasoned opinion under Article 226 of the EC Treaty.

The Commission then stated that it would continue to take appropriate action against Malta and, if Malta did not begin to comply with the directive, that it would continue with the infringement proceedings.

Can the Commission state whether Malta has now complied with the provisions of the Birds Directive? If not, what action does the Commission plan on taking to see that the directive is upheld? In particular, what is being done to protect birds during the hunting season and to prevent the sale of captured wild birds?

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