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to the Commission**

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Subject: Animal abuse and breaches of Directive 2010/63/EU at Vivotecnia, Spain

Animal abuse and breaches of Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes have been uncovered at Vivotecnia, a testing facility in Madrid, Spain. This news comes less than two years after similar breaches were uncovered at the Laboratory of Pharmacology and Toxicology (LPT) in Lower Saxony, Germany. In the light of this information:

1. Does the Commission agree that there is clearly a serious problem with the enforcement of this directive across the Union?
2. As the next Member State implementation reports are not due until 2024, what actions does the Commission plan to take now to ensure that what happened at these two testing facilities does not happen again?

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