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to the Commission**

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Subject: *Grindadráp* in the Faroe Islands

During this year's *grindadráp* in the Faroe Islands not only were hundreds of pilot whales killed, but also more than 1 400 dolphins. The murder of these sentient and intelligent creatures led to a public outcry.

The Faroe Islands have been formally associated with the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) since 2010 and have benefited from a framework programme for research and innovation which was concluded in 2020. A new programme is currently being negotiated with the final meetings taking place in late September.

Since fisheries are part of this programme, can the Commission therefore detail how the cruel practices during the *grindadráp* are being addressed and what measures are being taken in order to motivate the Faroe Islands to abandon this annual event that stands in stark contrast to the EU's animal welfare goals?