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Subject: Banning the production and import of animal-fur products

Now that a further fashion house has committed to banning angora wool from its collections, it is worth remembering that 90% of the angora fur used in the world comes from Chinese farms where living animals have their hair ripped out.

This unimaginable suffering is all the more unjustified as this material can be replaced suitably by other animal-welfare friendly textiles.

In addition, animals in fur farms all too often come from intensive farming, which is conducive to the development of diseases, some of which can be transmitted to humans.

Private companies – often European – which commit to no longer using animal fur, should be supported by national and European public policies so that they no longer have to face competition from other, less scrupulous companies in the sector.

Is the Commission prepared to promote a ban on the production and import of animal-fur products into the European market so as to support the animal welfare efforts of fashion houses?