

**Question for written answer E-000788/2024
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Russia's ecocide in Ukraine

Russia's two-year military aggression in Ukraine is not only targeting the population and civilian infrastructure, but also nature. Since 2022, Russia has occupied around 25 % of Ukraine's protected areas. Ukraine's ecosystems are constantly suffering from physical and chemical pollution, along with the destruction of natural areas due to the movements of military equipment. In June 2023, for example, the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam by Russian troops caused an ecological and humanitarian catastrophe, threatening the existence of many species in the aquatic ecosystem. Russia's intensive and deliberate ecocide is an issue that must be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Could the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. What support is the Commission providing to protect endangered species and habitats in Ukraine?
2. Would the Commission consider proposing the creation of an international compensation mechanism for damage caused by Russia's unlawful actions against nature using frozen Russian assets?

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