

**Question for written answer E-000803/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Environmental impact of the war in Ukraine

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has caused tens of thousands of deaths and casualties and has led to a refugee crisis affecting more than 6.4 million Ukrainians. Besides the human and humanitarian catastrophe, the environmental and climate impact of the war is affecting ecosystems, causing species to be lost, producing chemical pollution and waste and driving up global emissions.

International mechanisms for monitoring greenhouse gas emissions do not currently include military activities, as they do not take into account armies' considerable carbon footprint. No effective regulations or mechanisms are in place to calculate or limit war-related pollution. Limited access to information and a lack of precise data compiled on the environmental damage caused by the conflict makes the full environmental impact is hard to measure. The situation poses considerable challenges.

In light of this:

1. What information does the Commission have on the environmental impact of the war in Ukraine?
2. What steps can the Commission take to urgently deal with the issue from an international standpoint?
3. How can the Commission strengthen legal frameworks to protect our environment in times of conflict?

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