ORAL QUESTION H-0395/08 for Question Time at the part-session in June 2008 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Neena Gill to the Commission

Subject: Preventing the tiger from extinction

Following a successful tiger day organised in the European Parliament, MEPs expressed the gravest concerns about this majestic species becoming extinct in 17 years. This demise is largely due to illegal poaching and trafficking of tiger-related products which are sold across China and East Asia.

Could the Commission explain what actions it will undertake immediately to halt this extinction? In particular, will it provide technical and financial assistance on enforcement of poaching laws to India? Will it ensure that the issue is raised at all meetings the EU has with tiger range states, including India, China and Nepal? What measures can the Commission propose to change attitudes in countries which trade and consume tiger products?

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