

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3611/00  
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to the Commission

Subject: Implementation of Article 9 of Directive 79/409/EEC in Tuscany Regional Council Decision No 184 of 27 September 2000

Does Tuscany Regional Council Decision No 184 of 27 September 2000 correctly implement Article 9 of Directive 79/409/EEC<sup>1</sup> concerning derogations from the provisions on the conservation of wild birds?

The legal bases for that decision are, in addition to the above directive: Law No 157 of 11 February 1992; the Prime Ministerial Decree of 21 March 1997; the Legislative Decree of 4 June 1997; and Tuscan Regional Law No 70 of 11 August 1997. Pursuant to that legislative framework and owing to serious, proven and duly documented damage to crops and harvests, the Tuscan regional authorities decided to apply the provisions of Article 9 of the directive by providing for the slaughter, within clearly defined limits, of swallows and tree swallows, which are among the species covered by the conservation provisions.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 103, 25.4.1979, p. 1.