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to the Commission**

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Subject: Reinstatement of sable pelts on the list of EU sanctions against Russia

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine continues to cause immense human suffering, and EU sanctions are a key tool for increasing pressure on the Russian regime. In view of this, questions are being raised about allowing Russian sable pelt imports back into the EU.

Rather than meeting a basic human need within the EU, sable pelts are the product of an industry that faces considerable resistance among EU citizens. This is reflected, inter alia, in the European Citizens' Initiative 'Fur Free Europe', which collected over 1.5 million signatures.

In addition, financial links between Russian fur auctions and fur industry lobbying in Brussels were reported earlier this summer, raising a wide range of issues.

1. When does the Commission intend to reinstate sable pelts on the list of goods subject to EU sanctions against Russia?
2. When does the Commission intend to present its final decision on measures to stop suffering in the fur industry, including an import ban, in line with the European Citizens' Initiative 'Fur Free Europe', and what steps is it taking to speed up the process?
3. What measures are being taken to ensure that, given the reported financial links with Russian fur auctions, the fur industry's lobbying has no effect on EU decisions concerning sanctions against Russia or acting on the 'Fur Free Europe' European Citizens' Initiative?

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