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Answer given by Ms Roswall
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The implementation of the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations¹ is primarily the role of the Member States. The Member States are required, amongst others, to ensure the legality of the exports of the species covered by the Regulations.

The Commission has been actively engaging with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)² authorities in the Member States to address the increasing concerns with exports to India's Vantara Facility. It has been agreed upon that Member States will pay particular attention to any export requests directed towards India and the facility in question. These requests will be assessed with increased scrutiny to ensure compliance with the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations and CITES Convention. Furthermore, Member States are encouraged to share all relevant information regarding such export requests with each other and with the Commission, to ensure that all the relevant authorities are aware of the concerns and have the necessary information to assess the export requests. Finally, the Commission and the Member States will carefully analyse the report from the Secretariat after its investigation has been completed to ensure that the case is given an appropriate follow-up at the CITES level.

2. The Commission does not provide direct funding to the Congolese Institute for the Conservation of Nature (ICCN).

¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 of 9 December 1996 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein and the related Implementing Regulations.

² <https://cites.org/eng>.