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Answer given by Ms Roswall
on behalf of the European Commission
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On 30 January 2026, the Commission opened an infringement procedure by sending a letter of formal notice to Spain¹ for failing to comply with the reporting obligation under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive².

The required report provides an assessment of the conservation status of the habitats and species covered by the Habitats Directive (including the Iberian wolf) based on the status and trends of species and habitats, as well as the main pressures and threats affecting them.

The Commission services are assessing the reply by Spain prior to deciding on its follow-up.

The Commission recalls that, under the Common Agricultural Policy³, comprehensive support is available for livestock protection measures against predators like the wolf and that EU State aid rules allow Member States to compensate up to 100% of direct and indirect costs from wolf-related damages to livestock.

Regarding the provisional application of the agreement with Mercosur, the Commission does not share the negative assessment of the Honourable Members. The agreement includes an unprecedented set of measures aimed at protecting sensitive agri-food sectors. Imports of sensitive agricultural goods are subject to very limited tariff-rate quotas that will be gradually phased in.

¹ INFR (2025)2214, [https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate&refId=INFR\(2025\)2214](https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate&refId=INFR(2025)2214).

² Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and on wild fauna and flora, OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.

³ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/common-agricultural-policy_en.