Keeping of animals in zoos: minimum standards. Council Recommendation

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OBJECTIVE: to introduce a common basis for legislation in Member States relating to the licensing and inspection of zoos, the keeping of animals in zoos, the training and safety of staff and the education and safety of the public. CONTENT: the Commission communication informs the Council of its decision to apply the principle of subsidiarity and withdraw its proposal for a directive of 31 July 1991 introducing minimum standards for the keeping of animals in zoos and to replace it with a proposal for a Council recommendation on the keeping of animals in zoos. The Commission considered that the situation in zoos in the Community would improve enormously if Member States adopted legislation for licensing zoos on the basis of a series of commonly accepted recommendations. The guidelines in the Annex to the proposal of a recommendation are based on those issued by the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA).