Humane trapping standards: Agreement between EC and the United States on international standards of trapping

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In adopting the report by Mr Carlos PIMENTA (PPE, P), the European Parliament rejected the international agreement between the European Community and the United States of America on humane trapping standards, taking the view that it would do nothing to end the use of cruel trapping methods and that the agreement was much weaker than that concluded with Canada and Russia (CNS97019), the period of transition required by the United States for a total ban on leghold traps was much longer than that provided for in the agreement with Canada (an immediate ban for certain target species) and its implementation was conditional (the USA made the implementation of this provision dependent on the entry into force of the EC-Canada-Russia agreement).