EC/Canada, Russian Federation Agreement: on international standards of trapping, humane trapping standards

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In adopting the report by Mr Carlos PIMENTA (EPP, P) Parliament rejected the conclusion of the agreement on international humane trapping standards between the Community, Canada and Russia. It considered that an agreement which did not as a minimum guarantee an end to the use of leghold traps by all the parties within the near and specified future did not merit being given serious consideration. In so far as there were not adequate measures in Europe to ensure that wild animals were trapped without cruelty and without risk to endangered species, Parliament considered that it would be appropriate for the European Union to define a European trapping standard which properly reflected their own stated desire for a humane and comprehensive standard.