

Commissioner Stavros Dimas
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European Commission
Rue de la Loi, 200
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Dear Mr Dimas,

Thank you for your letter of 8 July 2005 regarding the hunt of seal pups in Russia.

It is unfortunate that a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Environment, Energy and Nuclear Safety under the Partnership and Co-operation Agreement with Russia has still not taken place. However, I m pleased to note you continued hopes of revitalising cooperation with Russia on environmental matters.

Accordingly, I would be grateful if you could give me an indication of when you expect that the next opportunity to raise the matter of the seal cull will arise, and if you could re-affirm your commitment to do this.

Yours sincerely,

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