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Force-feeding in the production of foie gras

Reply to Written question¹: Written question No. 702 (Doc. 14054)
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1. In reply to the Honourable Parliamentarian, the Committee of Ministers would underline that the validity of the Standing Committee's recommendations is governed by Article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the European Convention for the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes (ETS No. 087) which states that as from the date when a recommendation becomes effective, each Contracting Party must either implement it or inform the Secretary General of the Council of Europe of the reasons why it has decided that it cannot or can no longer implement the recommendation. Furthermore, if two or more Contracting Parties have given notice of their decision not to implement a recommendation or no longer to implement it, the recommendation in question shall cease to have effect. Consequently, in the absence of such notification, these recommendations remain valid.

2. In 2006, the Standing Committee decided that given existing resources it would not be appropriate to undertake further revisions of recommendations adopted. In view of the Organisation's continuing budgetary constraints and rationalisation of the priorities, the functioning of the Standing Committee and the related activities have been suspended since 2010.

1. Adopted at the 1262nd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (6 July 2016).

