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on the implementation of the Directive on the conservation of wild birds

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Declaration on the implementation of the Directive on the conservation of wild birds

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas in order to conserve all bird species it is necessary to preserve or re-establish a sufficient diversity and area of habitats; whereas special conservation measures must be taken for certain bird species in order to safeguard their survival and reproduction in their range,
- B. whereas these measures also apply to migratory birds,
- C. whereas the adoption of the following measures is required pursuant to Directive 79/409/EEC of 2 April 1979 in order to preserve, maintain or re-establish biotopes and habitats:
- creation of protected areas,
 - upkeep and management in accordance with ecological needs of habitats inside and outside the protected areas,
 - re-establishment of destroyed biotopes,
 - creation of biotopes,
- D. whereas the designation of protected areas and the implementation of the wild birds directive in general in Member States is proceeding with considerable difficulty,
- E. whereas despite the results already achieved, there are still many technical points which remain unclear with regard to the obligations arising from the wild birds directive,
- F. whereas since the adoption of Directive 79/409/EEC a number of scientific studies have been carried out, whose findings need to be taken into account,

Calls on the Commission:

- to report on the implementation of the wild birds directive, reviewing not only the problems but also the positive results already achieved on behalf of wild birds in implementing the directive;
- to make recommendations, on the basis of experience in the Member States, for solving practical implementation problems;
- if necessary on the basis of this report and the recommendations, to make a proposal for amending the wild birds directive;

Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the other European institutions and the governments of the Member States.