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Hunting with Hounds

The Commission wishes to draw the attention of members of the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) that the expansion of the hunting with hounds is continuing, in particular in 13 countries where this hunting method is practiced;

- Whereas France, Ireland, USA, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Portugal, Italy, South Africa, India and Kenya represent about 1,100 *equipages*, 50,000 dogs and 11,000 horses;
- New *equipages* are being created, particularly in France, totaling 440, Ireland (335), Italy (5) and the USA (210);
- Whereas the ban on hunting with hounds in the UK (340 *equipages*) and Belgium (10 *equipages*) was not due to lack of support from the population in this type of hunting;
- Whereas hunting with hounds is a legally recognized form of hunting in all the countries where it is carried out, and its ecological nature is not questioned;
- Whereas the possible disappearance of this type of hunting may cause major impact on other forms of hunting; and

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REQUESTS the individual and state members of the CIC to kindly update the information and statements that have previously been issued, and bring to the attention of their governments the rightfulness of this time-honored tradition.