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Hereby I´m filing the complaint against the Slovak Republic for violation of Article 2 para. 2 and Article 14 of Council Directive 92/43/EEC "Habitats Directive".

In infringement proceedings no. 2013/4081, which the European Commission conducted against the Slovak Republic, the Slovak Republic was warned of a breach of obligations in relation to the protection of wolves and the lack of data on their population. The reliability of the data on the population and its development was considered by the European Commission as a condition without which it is not possible to allow the hunting of individuals of such a population. The European Commission drew the attention of the Slovak Republic to the insufficient protection of wolves in the NATURA 2000 sites and to the transboundary effects of wolf hunting on populations in the surrounding countries.

Within the context of this procedure, the Slovak Republic undertook to monitor the abundance of the wolves, their population and its development as a basic precondition for setting quotas for wolf hunting in hunting seasons.

However, despite the fact that the Slovak Republic has committed itself in communication with the European Commission to ensure the monitoring of the wolf as a basic precondition for the hunting of wolves, it is currently failing to comply with these commitments when setting quotas for the hunting of wolves.

Currently, no relevant information is available to conclude that the established quotas will not jeopardize the favorable state of the wolf population, nor is there any relevant information to assess the transboundary impact of the permitted quotas for wolf hunting on populations in Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary.

Nevertheless, the commission established by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic allowed to hunt 50 wolves in the 2020/2021 hunting season. It is therefore clear that the Slovak Republic continues to breach its obligations under the Habitats Directive in a way that is in direct conflict with its position in infringement proceedings no. 2013/4081.

**T**herefore I am filing complaint for repeated proceedings for breach of the obligations arising from Article 2 para. 2 and Article 14 of the Habitats Directive against The Slovak Republic.

Sincerely,

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