

PRIME MINISTER

cc Mr. Ingham

FUR MARKING ORDER

You will wish to know that OD(E) were told by the Attorney General that the proposed fur marking order would not survive legal challenge either in the UK courts or under EC law. The Committee therefore concluded that the order should be withdrawn and further action deferred. In contacts with the Canadians, we should say that our concerns about the use of leg-hold traps remained but that the order had been withdrawn on legal grounds.

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