

V

(Announcements)

COURT PROCEEDINGS

COURT OF JUSTICE

Judgment of the Court (Sixth Chamber) of 18 October 2018 — European Commission v United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

(Case C-669/16) ⁽¹⁾

(Failure of a Member State to fulfil obligations — Environment — Directive 92/43/EEC — Conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora — Article 4(1) — Annexes II and III — Designation of special areas of conservation (SACs) — Harbour porpoise)

(2018/C 455/12)

Language of the case: English

Parties

Applicant: European Commission (represented by: J. Norris-Usher and C. Hermes, acting as Agents)

Defendant: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (represented by: G. Brown, acting as Agent, and by R. Palmer and M. Armitage, Barristers.)

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

1. Declares that, by failing to propose and transmit, within the period prescribed, pursuant to Article 4(1) and Annexes II and III of Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, a list indicating a sufficient number of sites hosting the harbour porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*) and by failing, to that extent, to contribute, pursuant to Article 3(2) of that directive, to the creation of the Natura 2000 network in proportion to the representation within its territory of the habitats of that species, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has failed to fulfil its obligations under those provisions;
2. Orders the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to pay the costs.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 63, 27.2.2017.