



*Membre d'honneur
le Dalai-Lama*

Paris, July 24th 2014

Mr Dan Jørgensen
Minister for Food
Agriculture and Fisheries
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Dear Mr Jørgensen,

Please allow me first of all to thank you very much for having had the courage to impose the stunning of animals before they are slaughtered, because **“animal rights come before religion”**.

May your common sense be heard by the European authorities, even if the Ministers of Agriculture (as Stéphane Le Foll in France) would rather ignore the scientific advices denouncing the pain felt by animals slaughtered while still conscious, than act to make preliminary stunning compulsory.

Neither religion nor tradition should justify barbarity... My Foundation also takes action against bullfights, these cruel spectacles organized in bloody arenas in the south of France, and is taking part right now in a campaign in the Faroe Islands with Sea Shepherd against the pilot whales massacre.

A few years ago, you met my Foundation's spokesman, Christophe Marie, who was there to present the European Parliament with the results of a previous mission led in this archipelago, under Danish protection.

Today, your support at that time makes us hope for a Danish intervention with the local authorities. This archipelago has, indeed, a very relative autonomy as it is widely subsidized by your country and benefits from European funds without being a member of the EU ...

Dear Mr Jørgensen, volunteers that are now on the Faroe Islands to prevent the massacre are relentlessly pursued by a Danish Royal Navy's frigate. **Your soldiers are constantly pressuring the activists in order to dissuade them from acting**, unsuccessfully, because their determination is far much stronger than these intimidation attempts.

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Famous navigators, such as Florence Arthaud, took turns in July encouraging our volunteers to pursue their action, at sea and on the islands. The actress Pamela Anderson is awaited in the next days ...

I take advantage of this unique opportunity to invite you to join, in the Faroe, Sea Shepherd's activists and my Foundation to denounce what is today the biggest massacre of marine mammals in Europe!

You brilliantly chaired the "Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals", your first months as Minister of the Agriculture are exemplary because you did not betray your beliefs concerning animal rights.

Dear Mr Jørgensen, please join and support our volunteers who take important risks on the Faroe Islands. Regrettably, I am not capable of going there anymore, but **your voice and the voices of all the personalities who support us could ring all over the world to put an end to these massacres** that nothing can justify anymore.

I am counting on you and send you all my gratitude for the actions that you already begun in favour of animals and those which you will not miss to undertake.

With my tremendous hope and all my respect,

Brigitte Bardot
President