

Carmen Méndez López Presidenta

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Mr. Tihomir Jakovina
Minister of Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture
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Dear Minister,

As the oldest animal organization in Spain, established in 1976 and operating in all over Spain, we would like to ask your government to keep the fur ban in Croatia and not allow a new amendment to the Animal Protection Act which would exclude, according to our information, chinchillas from the existing ban.

We have been fighting against fur since our foundation, and we were happy to know that Croatia, in January 2007 passed a law to ban farming fur. Now, after a 10 year phasing out period, we have heard that this important and progressive law could be degraded by excluding chinchillas or other species from the ban. We consider this would be a serious mistake and would undermine the progress achieved by Croatia in the protection of animals.

We hope that you will stand firm and protect Animal Protection Act of Croatia and we encourage you to keep working on achieving a higher level of animal protection in your country.

Yours sincerely,

Carmen Méndez

President