



Mr Gérard Deprez, MEP
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Dear Mr Deprez,

On behalf of all the members and supporters of the biggest animal rights and protection organisation in Croatia – Animal Friends – we would like to thank you for implementing a ban on trade in seal products.

Even though Croatia is still not a member country of the European Union, it recognized the importance of this ban and, according to the Directive of the Council of Europe No. 83/129/EEC, banned the trade in seal products on March 27, 2006.

We strongly believe that the European Union as a whole and its member countries individually will once more find the strength to repeat a historic achievement and close the European market for all the products derived from seals, this time for good. Therefore we urge your MEPs to support the ban at the European Parliament.

We do hope that Belgium, The Netherlands, Slovenia and Croatia will not stand alone at the forefront of this battle for the innocent victims and that it is only a question of time when the rest of Europe will recognize that extermination of the young ones of one species, under any pretences, is not acceptable in the world of more compassionate and emphatic humankind we are all striving for.

Once more we want to thank your country for this important decision and give you our full support in standing behind it from all the like-minded people in Croatia.

Yours sincerely,

Luka Oman
President