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Dear Mr Holm,

On behalf of all the members and supporters of the biggest animal rights and protection organisation in Croatia – Animal Friends – we would like to urge your country to implement a ban on trade in seal products.

Even though Croatia is still not a member country of the European Union, it recognized 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.

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.

Therefore, once more we kindly ask you to listen to the voice of the people in your country and the whole of Europe, and reach this important decision. We also urge your MEPs to support the ban at the European Parliament.

If Europe, being one of the world's biggest markets for the seal products, closes its door to this trade, the slaughter of the baby seals will stop by itself and there won't be any need for the bloodshed and suffering any more.

With hope that you will do everything what is in your power to influence decision-makers in your country to urgently reach a decision on the ban on the import of pelts and products derived from seals, we thank you on behalf of all the like-minded people in Croatia.

Yours sincerely,

Luka Oman
President