



animals' constitution

To the President
of the European Council

Animal welfare and EU Constitution

Dear Mr President,

I wish to address you as President of the European Council regarding the following issue:

Animal welfare has fortunately been included in the European Constitution in the form of Article III-121. Many people have worked hard and campaigned for this goal. Unfortunately the protection of animals is subject to an inappropriate limitation in the current wording of Article III-121! Religious rites, cultural tradition and regional heritage are granted pre-eminence in the case of conflicting interests with animal welfare. I see herein the danger of unaltered animal suffering. Therefore I urge you to undertake efforts during your Council Presidency to remove this passage. I also urge you to work toward the development of animal protection as an unmitigated objective of the European Union.

Even though the Constitution will not come into force in the near future, it represents even now a consensus between the EU and its member states. A strengthening of animal protection by means of Article III-121 must therefore now already be reflected by regulations and jurisdiction!

Therefore I urgently request that you publish a report at the end of your Council Presidency. This shall document whether the Union objective of animal welfare has already had an effect on the Rulings of the European Court of Justice and on EU regulations.

Sincerely yours,

Signature & Date

Name & Address



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