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Your Excellency,

the pictures shown on television reveal that the conditions under which fur animals are kept und killed for the fur industry in China are unacceptable to say the least. The narrow cages at the so called fur farms are totally inadequate. The wire mesh cages do not allow for the basic needs of these wild animals. We are especially shocked by the indescribable atrocities committed at the markets. Workers grab the foxes and racoon dogs by their hind legs and swing them to the ground. The animals struggle or convulse and lie trembling on the floor. Frequently the animals regain consciousness while the workers start the skinning process. A horrifying experience. When the animals start to move too much, they are clubbed repeatedly on their head or they are strangled by stepping on them. There seems to be a total lack of awareness that an animal can feel fear and pain.

We urge your government to pass a national animal welfare legislation that goes beyond the existing endangered species protection act and to adapt measures to enforce this animal welfare law. The content of the video documentation suggests that a national awareness campaign and humane education courses at schools are urgently needed as well.

We kindly ask you to convey our concern to your government.

Sincerely yours

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