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Dear Commissioner Stella Kyriakides,

Today we stand in solidarity with all the victims of the war in Ukraine.

We are concerned, full of fear and apprehension, but confident that civil society will show the strength of empathy, courage, and solidarity.

We need strong leadership from international institutions and governments. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Green REV Institute, the initiator of the Future Food 4 Climate coalition, we ask you to pay attention to the invisible victims of war, the non-human animals.

Countries apply simplified procedures for people who come from war zones with so-called companion animals: dogs, cats, and rodents. However, the so-called farmed animals remain unnoticed in the shadow of enormous harm and tragedy. Shelters and asylums in Poland, such as the Kurza Łapka Asylum and Asylums for Pigs, declare their support and willingness to give shelter to so-called farmed animals.

We ask you to take action so that every animal can find shelter. Today we do not need divisions between better and worse, between those to love and those who may die alone in war.

We ask for decisive action to simplify and apply special procedures for the transport of so-called farmed animals, as has been developed and implemented for companion animals.

The European Commission has communicated that "In view of the concerning developments of the situation in Ukraine and to avoid possible difficulties with refugees coming from Ukraine with their dogs, cats or other pet animals, I would like to bring to your attention that in accordance with Article 32 of Regulation (EU) 576/2013, and by way of derogation from the conditions provided for non-commercial movements of pet animals, Member States may, in exceptional situations, authorize the non-commercial movement into their territory of pet animals which do not comply with the said conditions provided that:

(a) a prior application for a permit has been made by the owner and the Member State of destination has granted such a permit and

(b) the pet animals are isolated under official supervision for the time necessary for them to fulfill those conditions and not exceeding six months:

1. at a place approved by the competent authority; and
2. in accordance with the arrangements set out in the permit.

In this case, the Commission suggests that to ease the process and address appropriately this emergency situation, Member States may develop permit arrangements that would apply to pets traveling with refugees and authorize their entry without a prior individual application for a permit. This approach would allow you to inform your staff at borders to ensure awareness and therefore avoid any problems."

We urge that the same recommendations be made for so-called farmed animals.

I remain at your complete disposal.

With kind regards

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