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## P R E S S   S T A T E M E N T

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# UN is to outlaw cruel animal torture in states without animal welfare laws as crimes against humanity!

Biedesheim / Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany: The renowned German animal welfare organization AKT-Aktion Konsequenter Tierschutz (Action for Consistent Animal Protection) addressed the former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, the present Secretary General of the UN, A. Guterres, the Dalai Lama and Pope Francis, calling for an international ban on the worldwide torture of animals for traditional reasons, but mostly from the desire to torment the defenseless, and to demand those states, which still have not adopted an animal welfare law, to obey their ethical commitment and to finally spread the protection of humanity onto animals as well.

Peter H. Arras, the founder and managing director of the AKT, which is responsible for animal protection and a think-tank for all-comprising ethics, raises serious accusations against those nations which have not adopted any animal welfare regulations and in which the most abominable animal torture is on the agenda. Above all, he points out to China and states of the Indo-Chinese region, in which the torture of animals is not only an everyday normality, but is also practiced as a kind of popular sport. Often, culinary, religious and traditional customs are named to justify the skinning, cooking, frying, flaming, the strangulation and cutting of animals into pieces, animals who are fully aware, alive. Because allegedly the stress hormone adrenaline would improve the taste of the flesh, animals of all kinds are tormented to death. AKT confronted all the addressees with a selection of photos that illustrate these atrocities.

Arras points out that in the wake of globalization, the Internet and ubiquitous mobile phones,

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The founder of AKT in 2002 was awarded a prize by the German **Hans-Rönn Foundation** “Menschen für Tiere” (People for Animals) for his merits in animal welfare and for his all-comprising world ethics.

In July 2004, after 15 years at Karlsruhe, Germany, **AKTgmbH**, a charitable limited company, moved their registered office to Biedesheim, where they built a top modern animal sanctuary with a **tropical hall for exotic animals and reptiles**. In 2009 the AKT Animal Protection Centre obtained the “**Animal Protection Award**” of the local rural district Donnersberg. In 2014 AKT “Action for Consequent Animal Welfare” celebrated 20 years as non-profit organization.

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these horrors would spread worldwide through video on the Internet and would lead to imitation in other regions and nations. Even looking at the photos and videos would psychologically harm, traumatize and pervert people, especially children and adolescents. The AKT, which also has an institute for social science (all comprising ethics), fears the further increasing establishment and consolidation of brutality and barbarism in a globalized society. The organization points out that the world's first animal welfare law in Great Britain had already been adopted in 1770, primarily because it was necessary to protect society from being exposed to brutality towards animals.

World peace, compassion, and humanity would not be realized anywhere in the world as long as the torture of defenseless living beings was a normality in many parts of the world. Arras therefore calls on the UN to declare the adoption of an animal welfare law for each member state to be an obligation, also by referring to the latest neurobiological findings concerning the experiencing of pain and suffering by animals. Furthermore, AKT requests the establishment of an UN department for inter-cultural ethics and for animal welfare, which deals under the umbrella of the UN with all that concerns non-human beings and defends them against the nations of humans. According to the ethicist, **the first step of an UN Charta for animals should be, among other things, to commit every human being who believes that he must kill an animal to do so quickly, without causing anxiety and to the greatest possible extent without causing pain.**

## **AKT-AKTION KONSEQUENTER TIERSCHUTZ**

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