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SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS (MACAU)

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Mr. Leong Vai Tak
Secretary for the Economy and Finance Affairs
Macau Government
Macau, SAR (China)

Dear Secretary Lionel Leong,

DEBATE ON CANIDROME

After several letters to you requesting a meeting about the Canidrome, with no success at all, please be informed that, as an animal welfare association, Anima has no other option than to endure our fight against Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome Company Ltd up to the end of the concession, expected to close this year.

We are applying for a public debate in our TDM-TV, in English language, between Anima and Canidrome regarding that track. Invitation was sent to its executive director Mr. Lei Chi Man, as you can see by the enclosed letter! I hope that debate can clear any doubts regarding the economic, community and animal welfare issues that should lead to the closing of Canidrome by our Government!

Please be aware that according to the map enclosed, the Government had lost 298.8 million patacas sponsoring the Canidrome! As you know, Canidrome pays only 25 per cent instead of the 40 per cent paid by the Casino industry. In the past Canidrome has paid 50 per cent (1985), changed to 35 per cent in 1988 and 25 per cent in 2005!

Postponing the closing of that track is only eroding our tax income and allow innocent animals to be killed in the that deadliest track!

If a decision comes before the end of this year, as we all expect, we need, we have all the obligation, to save as many animals as possible. As so, it seems not a good idea to continue to authorize Canidrome to import more animals for being killed few months afterwards and being replaced by others continually, a way for them to pocket some extra income in public auctions that, we believe, is not taxable!

As your decision lasts, we have blocked all importations from Australia supported by a network of animal welfare groups and by the airliners! This network of people all over the world who cares about the suffer of those animals, is now trying to block imports from Ireland as the Macau Government seems not active enough to stop that indecent killing!

Last but not the least I continue not to understand why after the Government has appointed, in last July, a study group of the University of Macau to leader a research about Canidrome, we have not yet been listened by this group! It doesn't seem transparent enough for our standards!

Best regards,

Albano Martins
President

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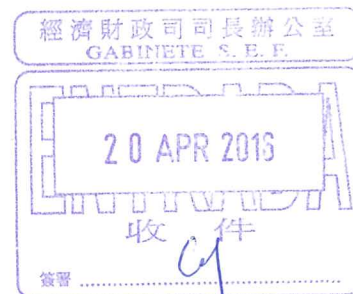
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