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Bucharest, Romania

**New bill submitted by the prefect of Bucharest/
The planned mass killing of stray dogs**

Dear Mrs. President,

The latest events in your country have been noticed with horror throughout Europe. The new bill of the prefect of Bucharest among other things involves the mass killing of stray dogs. This subject preoccupies the citizens and the media of Romania, in the population it is the predominant topic of conversation.

Two years ago the senate already approved of bill no. 912 which prohibits the killing of stray dogs and aims at the castration and release of the animals. This humane and future-oriented bill would have earned the young member state of the EU a lot of respect if it had been ratified.

Instead the Committee for Public Administration, Territorial Planning and Ecological Balance of the Chamber of Deputies has been blocking the bill to the present day and by doing this makes the repeated discussion of new cruel measures against stray dogs possible.

You have the chance to prove that your country is a progressive and modern member of the European Union - a fundamental aspect of which is the treatment of other living creatures. Your government must refrain from the extermination of hundreds of thousands of dogs!

What would make this mass killing even more grave is the fact that there has long been scientific proof that killing campaigns do not permanently diminish the population of the stray dogs. The only lasting solution is the castration of stray and privately owned animals.

We implore you to reject the new bill and to advocate introducing castration programs. The bmt and its partners are prepared to support your country in this.

But we will not tolerate the start of an extermination crusade against living animals in Romania the extent of which is unparalleled in Europe. We reserve the right to have Brussels examine whether your actions are in violation of European law.