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Your Majesty,

Despite the International Moratorium established 20 years ago to protect the Minke whale (*Balaenoptera acurostrata*), Norway is today the only remaining country in the world which continues to authorize commercial whaling.

As groups and individuals concerned with whale protection and welfare, we are outraged at the cruel fate that awaits several hundreds of cetaceans every year. This aspect aside, we wish to remind you that **marine mammal products are highly contaminated**, due to ocean pollution, **and that its ingestion can cause neurological disorders particularly among pregnant women and children.**

Now that an increasing number of people wish to encounter cetaceans in the wild and eco-tourism is growing rapidly throughout the world - particularly whale-watching activities - it appears both unwise and unnecessary for Norway to continue this cruel exploitation of wildlife along its coastline, especially as reports confirm that killing whales is no longer necessary for sustainability. We therefore urge you to consider whale watching as a more humane and sustainable alternative to how your country approaches whales in Norwegian waters.

In view of this, we inform you of our intention to **extensively broadcast a call for the boycott of all products from Norway** until you agree to stop killing whales.

Yours faithfully,

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Co-signatory of the letter (France, Belgium and Canada) :

- Société Protectrice des Animaux (SPA)
- One Voice
- Sea Shepherd Conservation Society & Sea Shepherd France
- Mouvement Ecologique Indépendant (MEI)
- La Baleine Libre
- Comité pour une Belgique sans Delphinarium
- Convention Vie et Nature pour une écologie radicale (CVN)
- Serre Vivante
- Connaissance et protection de la Nature du Brabant
- Ferus
- Société Nationale de Protection de la Nature (SNPN)
- Collectif anti-corrída de Fréjus (CAC 83)
- Rassemblement anti-chasse (RAC)
- Tursiops et Compagnie
- Pro Anima
- SOS Dauphins
- Veg'anim
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- GEOS Nature