

European Parliament
60, Rue Wiertz
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Belgium

Dear Sir/Madam,

The 8hours campaign calls for an end to long-distance journeys for animals sent for slaughter in the European Union. This is a demand already shared by the European Parliament over the years, and now **supported by over one million European citizens** who have signed the 8hours petition: www.8hours.eu

The campaign is also supported by 110 MEPs. You find their list at <http://www.8hours.eu/supporters/> .

The present Regulation 1/2005 permits that millions of farmed animals are still transported alive under unacceptable conditions on European roads, sometimes for several days, only to be slaughtered on arrival.

Written Declaration 49/2011 *on the establishment of a maximum 8-hour journey limit for animals transported in the European Union for the purpose of being slaughtered* was tabled in direct connection with the 8hours campaign. In the first two weeks, it has already received 119 signatures: <http://www.8hours.eu/declaration> .

I am therefore writing to invite you to sign Written Declaration 49/2011, of which I attach the text, and to ask other colleagues to sign.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further information. I hope that you will decide to support this initiative in favour of a more humane treatment of animals in Europe.

Best regards,