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Dear Commissioner,

I would like to urgently bring to your attention a potential breach of the EU's Zoos Directive in the UK. I have also contacted the British government about this.

Noah's Ark Zoo near Bristol in South West England has been accused of breeding tigers and camels for use by the Great British Circus. The allegations were made last week by undercover investigators working on behalf of the Captive Animals Protection Society.

I understand this and several other complaints have been made to the British authorities. If the allegations are upheld, I hope that the Commission will be looking very carefully at ways to prevent such breaches happening again, including giving proper consideration to ways that circus animals can be better protected under EU law.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



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