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21st April, 2005.

Dr. Caroline Lucas MEP, ✓  
Member of the European Parliament,  
European Parliament,  
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Belgium.

Dear Dr. Lucas,

**Paphiakos & CCP Animal Welfare**

I would like to refer to your letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2005 on the above subject and inform you that it is a great pleasure for us to communicate with you on this occasion. First, I would like to express our Ministry's sincere thanks for your letter and congratulate you for your personal interest on matters, such as animal welfare, which are becoming sensitive day after day. Secondly, please note that animal welfare is one of the major concerns of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment and to this end all necessary steps towards the harmonization of our legislation have already been taken.

As regards the relocation of the Paphiakos and CCP animal shelter, I would like to assure you that our Ministry is already in close cooperation with the Ministry of Interior and both Ministries are making every effort which, I believe, will lead to a definite and final solution of the problem.

Thanks again for your concern.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andri Chr. Demou'.

(Andri Chr. Demou)  
for Permanent Secretary