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Dear Mr. Ambassador.

many people all over the world were shocked by the news that owner and breeders of the Irish Greyhound Board started to sell greyhounds to Macau/China.

We, the members of ProGreyhound e.V., an animal rights group in Germany are monitoring for years how breeding and breed selection of greyhounds is practiced for their use on race-tracks.

From many articles from Irish newspapers, animal rights activists and animal rights groups all over the world we know that breeding of greyhounds takes place for profit only and the use like a piece of sports equipment with no rights. It is a fact that several thousands of greyhounds end up on racetracks in Ireland, England and other countries.

It's a matter of common knowledge that out of each offspring (up to 12 pups) maybe one or two dogs will fulfill the requirements of racing. It is indescribable and cruel what happens to the remaining pups.

But even life of those dogs which meet demands is of value for the time only they win races and earn money for their owners, the race tracks and betting spectators. As soon as their performance drops they are depolluted like waste, barbarous killed or if they are in luck handed over to an animal rights group.

Since several years we take greyhounds from Irish animal rights activists to place them at enthusiasts of this breed as marvelous family members.

Now we obtained the information that greyhounds got shipped to Macau to be used on the

In all other countries where greyhound races unfortunately still take place there are appropriate laws and animal rights activists who want to look after the welfare of retired racing dogs.

Amtsgericht Krefeld, Register-Nr. VR 4401

It is a fact that **NO GREYHOUND** leaves this racetrack alive.

If these wonderful animals do not provide the performance expected they will be **KILLED** and if applicable utilized as fresh meat.

Efforts are being made for years by well-known animal rights groups like Grey2K from the USA, Animal Asia AUS, CAGED UK and many others to achieve the closing of this worst sort of all racetracks.

Again and yet again they direct the attention of greyhound enthusiasts all over the world to the horrible occurrences that happen on this track.

By now Ireland supports the persons who run this track in their life contemptuous actions by selling dogs to this track.

We are horrified and for this reason we have signed following petition which we want to make aware to you

https://www.change.org/p/prime-minster-taoiseach-enda-kenny-stop-export-of-irish-greyhounds-to-china

Furthermore you are kindly requested to plead for a stop of the export of greyhounds to Macau and to pass our request to the appropriate bodies in Ireland:

Prime Minister (Taoiseach) - Enda Kenny, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Simon Coveney and the operators of the IGB.

It is our intention to protest peacefully against this export with this letter and to intercede for all racing greyhounds of the world.

Kind regards

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