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Dear Prime Minister,

The International Agreement to Prohibit the Eating of Dogs and Cats

The accompanying "International Agreement" proposed by the World Dog Alliance is self-explanatory.

On the 1st of February 2020 30 bipartisan US Congressmen wrote to then President Donald Trump to urge him to sign the International Agreement. On the 2nd of March 2020 67 UK MPs (of which I was one) wrote to you in support of the same cause. A similar letter written by 34 Japanese lawmakers was sent to the new Prime Minister, Yoshihide Suga in December of 2020. The International Agreement has obtained solid support in the United States, the UK and Japan and I would like to think that notwithstanding the fact that there is a claim that "dog meat is not eaten in the United Kingdom" we shall no longer find it appropriate to shelter behind this fig leaf and to endorse the proposed International Agreement.

It is a very moot point indeed whether or not within the Chinese community dog meat is in fact eaten in the United Kingdom but whether it is or not is almost immaterial: it is important, I hope you will agree, that the civilised world should send a clear message to those that do indulge in these practices to indicate that this trade and cultural habit is no longer any more acceptable than is, for example, the genocide that we appear to be so reluctant to acknowledge.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Roger Gale MP

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cc. the World Dog Alliance & Ms. Lorraine Platt