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Subject: Urgent request for transparency, stronger preventive measures and effective legal action following the killing of a stray mother dog and her puppies in Jieyang, Guangdong

Your Excellencies,
Distinguished Authorities,

On behalf of OIPA ETS – International Organisation for Animal Protection, an international non-governmental organisation associated with the United Nations Department of Global Communications (DGC), holding consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), accredited to the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), and included in the European Commission's Register of Interest Representatives, we wish to express our **profound shock and unequivocal condemnation regarding the exceptionally grave acts of cruelty committed against a stray mother dog, widely referred to as "Wang Wang", and her newborn puppies in Xinheng Town, Jiedong District, Jieyang, Guangdong Province.**

According to the information and audiovisual material circulated internationally, four minors subjected the animals to deliberate and prolonged violence. The mother dog was reportedly beaten, tortured and ultimately set on fire, while her puppies were also killed. The violence was filmed and subsequently distributed online.

The reported conduct cannot be dismissed as an isolated moment of poor judgement. It involved repeated and coordinated violence against completely defenceless living beings, the recording of their suffering and the dissemination of that suffering as online content.

In the days following the international circulation of the videos, OIPA received more than one hundred reports and appeals concerning this case from deeply concerned citizens in Italy, across Europe and in several other countries.

The exceptionally high number of communications received by our organisation reflects the profound distress and international attention generated by this incident. In Italy and throughout Europe, the case has provoked widespread shock and has led many citizens to question what concrete measures will be adopted to address the conduct, prevent its recurrence and strengthen the protection of animals in China.

We recognise the importance of protecting the identities and rights of the minors involved. Nevertheless, given the extreme gravity of the conduct reported, the information made public to date does not appear sufficient to determine whether the measures adopted are comprehensive, proportionate and capable of preventing similar acts in the future.

The fact that the individuals involved are minors requires a particularly serious educational, psychological, preventive and supervisory response. Their young age must not result in the suffering inflicted upon the animals being minimised or treated as a secondary matter.

OIPA therefore respectfully but firmly requests detailed information regarding:

1. the nature and expected duration of the specialised educational measures adopted in relation to the four minors;

2. whether each minor has undergone, or will undergo, an individual psychological and behavioural assessment conducted by qualified professionals;
3. whether the educational programme specifically addresses empathy, violence prevention, personal responsibility and respect for animals and all living beings;
4. what monitoring and follow-up measures will be implemented after the completion of the specialised educational programme;
5. what concrete responsibilities and supervisory obligations have been assigned to the parents or legal guardians;
6. whether the circumstances that allowed the abuse to continue without timely adult intervention have been examined;
7. whether the original videos and their copies have been removed from the relevant platforms and what measures have been adopted to prevent their continued dissemination;
8. whether any additional individuals encouraged, commissioned, facilitated or attempted to monetise the acts of cruelty;

The filming and online dissemination of this violence are particularly alarming. When extreme cruelty is recorded and circulated for entertainment, recognition or financial gain, it can no longer be treated solely as an isolated local incident. It becomes part of a broader digital environment in which violence may be normalised, rewarded and imitated, particularly by younger audiences.

Over recent years, OIPA has repeatedly received reports concerning alleged **online communities in China involved in filming, exchanging and, in certain cases, monetising acts of extreme cruelty against cats, dogs and other animals.**

We recognise that every individual allegation must be carefully and independently verified by the competent authorities. Nevertheless, the recurrence and similarity of these reports, together with the recording and online circulation involved in the Jieyang case, raise legitimate concerns regarding the adequacy of the existing preventive, legal and enforcement framework.

These incidents can no longer be regarded solely as a series of unrelated cases.

The apparent recurrence of extreme animal cruelty, particularly when recorded and disseminated online and when young people are involved, may indicate the need for stronger prevention, more effective enforcement and a comprehensive national legal framework specifically protecting companion and stray animals.

OIPA recognises the significant scientific, technological and social progress achieved by the People's Republic of China, as well as the legislation already adopted in areas such as wildlife protection, animal epidemic prevention, animal management and the online protection of minors.

Nevertheless, the absence of comprehensive national legislation expressly prohibiting the deliberate torture, serious abuse and unjustified killing of companion and stray animals may prevent acts of extreme cruelty from being addressed through clear, effective and proportionate consequences.

Education and prevention are essential, particularly when minors are involved, but may not be sufficient in cases of deliberate and exceptionally serious violence. An effective national framework should therefore combine educational measures with monitoring, accountability and legal consequences capable of acting as a genuine deterrent.

OIPA respectfully but firmly calls upon the competent authorities of the People's Republic of China to adopt stronger national measures, including:

• a clear prohibition against the deliberate torture, serious abuse and unjustified killing of companion and stray animals;
• effective and proportionate sanctions for acts of extreme cruelty;
• specific procedures for serious cases involving minors, including psychological assessment, compulsory education, long-term monitoring and appropriate legal responsibility;
• provisions addressing the recording, commissioning, sale, monetisation and dissemination of animal-

torture content;
• stronger obligations for online platforms to identify, remove and report such material;
• effective cooperation mechanisms among public security authorities, educational institutions, digital platforms and animal-protection organisations.

These measures should not be aimed solely at punishment, but at protecting animals, preventing further violence and intervening before abusive behaviour becomes normalised or escalates.

OIPA does not intend to attribute collective responsibility to the Chinese population. We recognise that many Chinese citizens, volunteers and animal-protection advocates are themselves deeply distressed by these incidents and work courageously to rescue animals and promote compassion. Their efforts, however, require the support of strong legislation, effective enforcement and clear institutional leadership.

A decisive and transparent response to the Jieyang case, accompanied by broader legal reform, would provide China with an important opportunity to demonstrate that extreme cruelty towards animals will not be tolerated or allowed to circulate without meaningful consequences.

OIPA, is ready to cooperate constructively with the competent authorities, educational institutions and local organisations in developing programmes for children and young people focused on empathy, violence prevention, responsible coexistence and respect for all living beings.

Such cooperation could include school workshops, educational materials, community initiatives and training activities for teachers and educators, adapted to the local cultural and institutional context. This offer of cooperation is made in a spirit of constructive dialogue, but it does not diminish the urgent need for stronger legal protection and accountability.

Wang Wang and her puppies were subjected to extreme and irreversible suffering. Their deaths cannot be reduced to a brief administrative statement. The gravity of this case requires an equally serious, transparent and lasting response.

OIPA therefore formally requests a written reply detailing the measures already adopted, any additional actions under consideration and the preventive and legislative initiatives that may be implemented following this case.

A clear and decisive response would reassure the international public and demonstrate the commitment of the competent authorities to preventing animal cruelty, protecting younger generations from violent content and promoting respect for all living beings.

We remain fully available for institutional dialogue and concrete cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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