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Europe Falls Into the Hands of Anti-seal Hunt Vegetarian Groups Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette Condemns the Cruelty of the Animal Boycott

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OTTAWA, October 29th, 2010 - “Yesterday, Europe endangered seals and the Canadians who live off this resource”, declared Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette who regrets the decision of the European Court of Justice’s decision to uphold the boycott of seal products. “The overpopulation of seals will require, no matter what, a balance of the ecosystem. If we don’t find an alternate market to Europe to sell seal products we will be condemned to throw seals into the garbage. At that point, I don’t think there will be the same level of supervision by the Canadian government to guarantee ethical hunting standards.”

Senator Hervieux-Payette reiterates that this boycott is both immoral and illegal under the rules of the World Trade Organization. “Europeans want to impose their universal vision of animal ethics even though they are unable to enforce these same rules to sport hunting, which has greater consequences than seal hunting.” She also asked, “where are their regulations, their supervision and their independent scientific reports?”

The Senator realizes that the vegetarian movement fuelled by Hollywood is structured to such a point that it can influence European decisions without any scientific merit. “The social vision of the Jet Set is completely disconnected from a reality derived from B-movies and spreading into parliaments. It’s pathetic” added the Senator.

Senator Hervieux-Payette is actively seeking the federal government’s intervention in insuring that Seal hunters receive basic income that could help develop new markets. “I consider that as long as we will have to fight against this unfair ban, the revenues from 2005 should be minimally insured by the Government of Canada”.

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