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To whom it may concern,

I attended a conference on animal welfare called the South East European Animal Congress on 14 & 15 October 2006. The conference was organised by VGT, Austria and was held in Vienna.

I was present for the full duration of the conference and gave a paper regarding the activities of the European Coalition for Farm Animals.

At no point did I hear anyone advocate unlawful or violent activities. The presentations and discussions focussed on lawful and peaceful methods of campaigning and lobbying. Participants at the conference, who came from a range of countries, exchanged information about what was happening regarding animal protection in their own country and discussed legitimate approaches to animal issues.

Yours faithfully,



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