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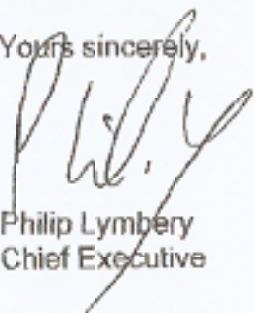

To whom it may concern,

Compassion In World Farming and the European Coalition for Farm Animals (ECFA) is seriously concerned at the recent situation in Austria where Martin Balluch and Jurgen Faulmann, members of two ECFA organisations have been imprisoned to date without charge.

Compassion in World Farming and ECFA work to improve the welfare of farm animals for the benefit of animals, people and the planet. We work only in ways that are entirely peaceful and legal. We reject any methods of working that involve violence, threats of violence or criminality.

Compassion in World Farming and ECFA call on the Austrian authorities to bring the current situation to a swift close by immediately charging or releasing the animal protectionists involved.

Yours sincerely,

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