



# Report of extraordinary session

## Mette Gjerskov, Danish Minister for Food, Agriculture & Fisheries

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012, 8.00 -8.50 hrs  
Room ASP A5G315 – European Parliament, Brussels

On Wednesday 29 February, the Animal Welfare Intergroup had an early morning meeting with Mette Gjerskov, the Danish Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries who had come to Brussels for the International Conference on EU Animal Welfare Strategy 2012-2015 which has been initiated by the Danish Presidency in collaboration with the European Commission.

Mette Gjerskov spoke about the animal welfare related programme of the Danish Presidency which includes discussions about the new EU Animal Welfare Strategy 2012-2015, a call in Council for the timely enforcement of the ban on sow stalls in 2013 and possible Council Conclusions in May for rural development funding that can be used for animal welfare related initiatives.

She was particularly impressed by the successful outcome of the 8 hours campaign but made no commitments in this regard. Dan Jørgensen MEP (S&D, DK) stressed that following the latest developments Commissioner Dalli would not exclude a revision of the EU Animal Transport Regulation. Sirpa Pietikäinen MEP (EPP, FI) asked the Minister to consider also discussions in Council on a harmonisation of the identification and registration of dogs and cats and Carl Schlyter MEP (Greens/EFA, SE) asked to discuss a ban on the import of wildlife products as personal effects.

Mrs Gjerskov promised to look into it and to possibly raise these points in Council.

Other issues which were addressed were the use of mobile slaughter houses and the systematic tail docking of pigs which contravenes EU legislation.

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Pietikäinen, Sirpa (Vice-President)	EPP	FI
Rosbach, Anna	ECR	DK
Schlyter, Carl (Honorary President)	Greens/EFA	SE
Zanoni Andrea, (Vice-President)	ALDE	IT

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Grafa, Kinga	Assistant to Mrs Jędrzejewska (EPP, PL)
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Rottin, Elena	Assistant to Mr Zanoni (ALDE, IT)
Wohlert, Lea	Assistant to Mr Jørgensen (S&D, DK)

## Guest Speaker and Observers (9)

Gjerskov, Mette	Danish Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries
Sansolini, Adolfo	Animal Welfare Consultant, Animals Angels
Mikkelsen, Anders	Deputy permanent secretary
Christiansen, Per	Deputy permanent secretary
Laulund, Rikke	Head of Division
Lauger, Hanne	Head of Division
Wulff, Jesper	SCA spokesman
Bay-Smidt, Jan	Veterinary Attaché
Jørgensen, Allan	Press secretary

## Secretariat (1)

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