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Milan, 26th August 2021

Dear U.S. President Joe Biden,
Dear U.S. Department of Defense,
Dear U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III

Subject: Lending permit for animals of Kabul Small Animal Rescue

OIPA - International Organization for Animal Protection – is a non-governmental Organization that operates worldwide in defence of animal rights and for protecting animals against any form of cruelty and abuse. Our organization embraces more than 200 animal rights associations across the world. We are member accredited at the United Nations Department of Global Communications (DGC), the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) and the UN Environment Program (UNEP) as well as recognized as non-profit tax-exempt 501(c) (3) charity.

We are writing to support the desperate request of help launched by your citizen Charlotte Maxwell-Jones, head of the Kabul Small Animal Rescue, founded in 2018 as veterinary clinic and animal rescue organization that operates in rescuing strays, providing veterinary services and helping ship animals abroad for adoption. They have recently helped American troops bring home cats and dogs from Afghanistan after their deployments, but now Charlotte, her staff and more than 250 animals they care of have been left alone.

Maxwell-Jones has declared that she does not intend to leave the country by Aug. 31 (date of the scheduled exit of the US military forces) until the organization's staff and the animals will be securely evacuated. Actually, the plane and the staff permits have been sorted, but it **is necessary to receive a landing permit for all the animals.**

We are asking to secure this landing permit and guarantee the safe passage from Kabul airport to U.S. (the final destination) for saving their life.

Charlotte Maxwell-Jones and the team of Kabul Small Animal Rescue is a great example of love and compassion for those less fortunate. You should be proud of her hard work and courage and provide all the help she needs for her team and her animals.

We trust that you will give this matter your urgent attention and we are available to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Massimo Pradella
OIPA – Chairman



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