



His Excellency David Maria Sassoli
President of the European Parliament

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Your Excellency:

With World Environment Day (Saturday, 5 June) nearly upon us, I'm writing to you on behalf of PETA France – an affiliate of PETA US, the largest animal rights organisation in the world – to ask that the meals served at the European Parliament be fully vegan going forward.

As you know, the climate crisis requires urgent action. The science is clear on this topic: animal-derived products – including chicken, fish, cheese, and eggs – have a much bigger environmental footprint than plant-based foods. For decades, the United Nations has considered animal agriculture to be one of the main causes of deforestation, pollution, dead zones in the oceans, habitat loss, species extinction, and melting ice caps, which is why it has warned that a change in diet is needed to prevent the worst effects of the climate crisis. Our representatives must lead by example, and switching to vegan food is not only easy but also cuts food-related carbon emissions by 73%, making it the most environmentally friendly choice.

Democracies around the world are encouraging their citizens to consume more plant-based foods in order to safeguard public health, meet climate goals, and reduce animal suffering. As Sir David Attenborough said, “We must change our diet. The planet can't support billions of meat-eaters.”

World Environment Day offers the perfect opportunity to send a responsible and compassionate message to the whole world.

Therefore, will you contribute to the protection of our planet by ensuring that only vegan meals are now served at the European Parliament?

Thank you for your time and attention. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.



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