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Dear Mr Hidalgo and Mr Clark,

On November 10th 2022 five bulls (Toros de Lidia) were found death on one of your Air Europa flights from Spain to Lima (Peru). In total eight bulls were transported on the flight from Spain to Peru for a bullfight in Acho on Sunday the 13th of November. Five of them did not survive this journey.

As the International Anti-Bullfighting Network, with over 100 member organizations from 15 countries who are calling to end bull fighting. It is a cruel practice that causes immense animal suffering and the inhumane killing of sentient beings. We consider the transportation of bulls intended for bullfighting as immoral. Furthermore, it is in no way compatible with corporate social responsibility anno 2022 since almost 80% of the Spanish population (and similar percentages in other bullfighting countries) reject bullfighting (Fundación BBVA, 2022).

As a modern and responsible European airline and member of SkyTeam, we call on you to stop transporting bulls intended for bullfighting. It causes animal suffering and goes against the general standards of decency and public opinion regarding the responsible treatment of animals of the present time.

We believe and hope that as a responsible airline company you will acknowledge this and take responsibility on this matter. We look forward to receiving your positive reaction to this letter.

Your sincerely,

on behalf of the International Anti-Bullfighting Network,

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