



HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

November 24, 2016

Distinguished Mr. Michel Temer
President of the Federative Republic of Brazil
Brasília, Brazil

Dear Mr. Michel Temer,

On behalf of Humane Society International (HSI), I am writing to urge you to uphold the Brazilian Supreme Court's decision to declare vaquejadas as unconstitutional, by vetoing the bill number 24/2016, which was already approved by the National Congress.

Humane Society International (HSI), which is one of the world's largest animal protection organisations, shares the concerns of Brazilian animal protection groups regarding the inherent cruelty of vaquejadas. We were therefore very pleased to note that the Supreme Court had declared this event in the state of Ceará unconstitutional.

Such festivities should not be celebrated in the 21st century. It is a sentiment echoed not only by the President of the Supreme Federal Court, Cármen Lúcia Antunes, but also by Brazilian citizens, as well as compassionate people from around the world.

HSI does not believe entertainment can in any way justify cruelty to animals. We urge you to take a compassionate stance against these cruel fiestas and consider the wishes of the Brazilian citizens who oppose them.

Your party has a real opportunity to make a positive difference for animals in your country, to send a strong message to Brazilian citizens and to the wider global community that Brazil will no longer tolerate cruelty to animals for entertainment.

We respectfully call on you to support the decision taken by your country's Supreme Court, at the earliest possible opportunity, that would end this brutal spectacle once and for all. It is our strong belief that such a policy, supported by your party, would garner the widespread support of your

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own citizens, and also be looked upon favourably by compassionate people from around the world who would like to see the cruelty of this Brazilian practice ended.

Yours sincerely,

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Kitty Block
Vice President
Humane Society International