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Senator Hervieux-Payette applauds the European Court of Justice's decision to suspend the boycott of seal products in Europe www.sealsonline.org

OTTAWA, August 19th 2010 — “The European Court of Justice has just confirmed what we knew all along, that the legality of the boycott was far from being obvious as demonstrated by a former European legal opinion”, declared Senator Hervieux-Payette.

Anti-Sealing vegetarian groups have profited from distorting this legal and legitimate seal hunt to finance their ideology. “I am happy to know that coastal Canadians and aboriginal people have just won a small battle but we are all determined to win the war!” added Senator Hervieux-Payette.

“The Universal Declaration that I have initiated is the perfect platform to create a dialogue between Canadians and Europeans to define an ethical model of sustainable management of this species”, she said.

The Universal Declaration has received the support of the governments of Newfoundland and Labrador and Québec, as well as the International Organization for Animal Conservation IWMC World Conservation Trust, based in Switzerland along with the Canadian Fur Council and the Fur Institute of Canada.

Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette urges all governments and concerned organizations to promote and study the application of the Universal Declaration on the Ethical Harvest of Seals written and endorsed by a panel of experts.

“I tend my hand once more to our European friends.”

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