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Delegations will find attached the European Committee of the Regions' renunciation letter regarding the above proposal.



**European Committee
of the Regions**

The Secretary-General

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Dear Secretary-General,

On behalf of the President of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), Vasco Alves Cordeiro, I would like to thank you for your referral request to the CoR, dated 14 May 2024, regarding the following dossier:

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability - COM(2023)0769 - 2023/0447(COD).

The CoR's Commission for Natural Resources (NAT) decided at its meeting on 14 June 2024 not to issue an opinion on this proposal (Rule 65 of the Rules of Procedure). The proposal aims to avoid distortions and barriers to trade in those animals due to diverging national rules on animal welfare, while ensuring a high level of animal welfare through harmonization of rules at European level. This proposal has no link to the NAT commission priorities and is not sufficiently relevant for local and regional authorities.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the NAT secretariat (nat@cor.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

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