



**Egyptian Society of Animal Friends in association
with
The Egyptian Federation for Animal Welfare**

**Workshop Recommendations
Ending The Animal's life in A merciful way**

This workshop recognizes that all animals are sentient beings and that we should treat them with compassion throughout their lives until the point of death.

Recognising that in the Islamic world, similar to everywhere else, there is widespread cruelty to animals in general and particularly during transport and slaughter.

Recognising that some of the practises in slaughterhouses all around the Islamic world, such as slashing the tendons and stabbing the eyes to incapacitate bovines, dragging, kicking or pulling animals by the horns and by the fleece are fundamentally against the compassionate rules defined by Islam.

Recognising the existence of a fatwa by the Chief Imam and Sheikh of Al-Ahzar Dr. Muhammad Sayed Tantawi of April 24,2008 saying that kindness and mercy to animals should be shown during slaughter and all the situations in which the mercy is necessary such as transport,

Recognising the statement from learned sheikh, The sheikh of judges of Kenya regarding the acceptability of the human pre slaughter stunning of food animals to The Islamic Religion which has approved on 8/2/2008

Recognising the acceptability of human Slaughter stunning of food animals to Moslem Religion (Sharia) Which has been in 14/9/2000. Issued From Uganda.

Recognising the electric stunning as method of Halal - slaughter which has been approved in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia , the conference was held between the period of 28June – 3July 1997.

Recognising the electric stunning of animals: Research and conclusion of the Study committee which approved using stunning as a method of pre slaughter.



Recognizing that farm animals, including poultry, are sentient beings that are capable of suffering and referring to the Hadith which says "It is a great sin for a man to imprison those animals which are in his power" (Muslim),

Recognizing the inhumane practices prior to slaughter and during slaughter could effect the quality of the meat which could have a negative effect to humane health.

The workshop recommends that the conditions of slaughter and keeping of farm animals in the Islamic world should be brought in line with the original teachings in the Quran and Hadiths,

We call on the Egyptian authorities to take urgent action to improve the conditions in Egypt's slaughterhouses by ensuring:

First : Transport of animals for slaughter in a way that causes minimum discomfort and pain to the animals. The duration of transport should be as short as possible and according to prescribed OIE Guidelines. The present system of carrying animals in open, overcrowded trucks, in the boots or on roof racks of cars, etc. should be stopped.

Second: Restraining of animals prior to slaughter should be done with compassion. Practises such as beating, goading, kicking or dragging that inflict stress, pain or injury to the animals should be avoided. Practices such as slashing the tendons or blinding the animals to restrain the animals should be stopped.

Third : At slaughter animals should be handled with compassion. The slaughter should be done in a quick and efficient way as to cause minimum pain and suffering before the animal dies. No animal should be slaughtered in front of another animal. Animals should be slaughtered with knives that are of an appropriate size and properly sharpened. Sufficient time should be allowed for the animal to die before de-skinning.

Fourth : Slaughterhouse staff should be trained to carry out their work with full respect of the Islamic teachings and in compliance with OIE guidelines



Fifth : Establishing the suggested animals welfare legislation based on the article 45 of the new Egyptian Constitution.

Sixth : The Participants were unanimous regarding the use of electricity stunning and recommend to use in the human Slaughter as it is apply with Sharia.

Seventh : To address OIE to implement penalties against any member country who does not apply OIE guidelines .

The participants thanks HRH Princess Alia Al Hussein for her effort relating animal welfare and improving the slaughter houses in Jordan and implementing the pre slaughter stunning.

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These recommendations do not contradict, but comply with the Islamic doctrine and have been approved by members Al Azhar institute, which consists of :

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