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List of Participants

MEMBERS

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Dr. H. Blokhuis

Prof. D. Broom (first vice chair)

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APOLOGIES

Prof. M. Verga

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1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting of the subcommittee

The summary record of the meeting of the sub committee of 25 June was adopted.

3. Declarations of interest

No member reported any conflicts of interest relating to the items under discussion.

4. Discussion and possible approval of a draft report on animal welfare aspects of animals kept for fur production

The sub-committee went through the chapters on welfare of Mink and Foxes and passed to the rapporteur the main remarks. The rapporteur will propose a revised document in the light of the comments made, which will be circulated in advance of the next meeting to allow comments and further discussions. In order to possibly address the whole document, the next meeting was fixed to 18 October and subsequently changed to 23 October.

5. Miscellaneous

5.1. Progress reports on other questions

- The rapporteur of the Working Group on Welfare of animals during transport explained the current situation. A draft report could be submitted to the subcommittee at its next meeting.
- The rapporteur of the working group on the welfare of non-human primates has not finalised yet the composition of the working group. The subcommittee gave the mandate to the Chairman, rapporteur of the working group and the Secretariat to set up the composition of the Working group. The Commission informed the Sub-committee and the rapporteur of the urgent character of that question. Work on that subject should progress as quickly as technically possible.

5.2. New question and creation of a working group

The welfare aspects of the different stunning methods for food producing animals was raised by the Chairman of SCAHAW. The Commission will prepare a background document for further discussion.