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To whom it may concern

The European Federation for Primatology is the Federation of the Primatological Societies of France and Belgium, Italy, Czech Republic, Germany, Spain and Portugal, Switzerland, and Great Britain. It serves to coordinate the activities of the National societies, fosters scientific exchange among European primatologists, and is involved in policy-making processes at the EU level.

At the recent meeting of the EFP in Antwerp (September 10-13, 2013), the board of the EFP, representing the membership countries' societies, learned that the Administrative Court of Cundinamarca, Colombia, has ruled that there have been violations of Colombia's laws regarding the capture of *Aotus* monkeys for research. We also learned that the president of the International Primatological Society (IPS), Tetsuro Matsuzawa, has written to express the concerns of IPS regarding this issue. We would hereby like to echo Prof. Matsuzawa's concerns.

EFP strongly encourages compliance with and enforcement of national and international laws that protect nonhuman primates in the wild, and we promote humane treatment of nonhuman primates in captivity. Therefore, we encourage the Colombian judiciary to continue to carefully consider cases that come before it concerning the protection of wild primates and other wildlife, as they did in this case.

Yours sincerely,

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President of the European Federation of Primatology