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Captain Amr Abu El-Enein  
Chairman and CEO  
EGYPTAIR Holding Company  
c/o

Eng. Adel Kamel Ali Mansour (Chairman, EGYPTAIR Supplementary Industries)  
Capt. Ihab A.R Eltahtawi (President, EGYPTAIR Training Academy)

Dear Chairman Mansour and President Eltahtawi:

I'm writing as a concerned EGYPTAIR customer and Director of Medi.Train.Egypt regarding EGYPTAIR's recent decision to ship monkeys from Cambodia and Mauritius to the United States. **As you both have business partnerships with EGYPTAIR Holding Company, can you please share my concerns described below directly with Captain Amr Abu El-Enein, Chairman and CEO of EGYPTAIR Holding Company, and help encourage him to reconsider shipping monkeys for the experimentation industry as many other airlines have already ended this practice?**

EGYPTAIR Cargo is shipping hundreds of long-tailed macaques to the U.S., where they are doomed to pain, suffering, and death in laboratories. These monkeys suffer tremendously before, during, and after these flights. They are often taken from their families in their native lands and shipped to filthy farms for breeding. Eventually, they're crammed into small wooden crates where they must endure a multiple-day journey in trucks and planes in their own waste. Those who manage to survive will likely spend the rest of their lives in barren metal cages inside an American laboratory. Their captivity will cause extreme psychological distress, leading some monkeys to hurt each other or themselves.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), which alerted me to EGYPTAIR's monkey shipments, helped me transition my Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) medical courses away from using animals to an ethically superior, more effective human TraumaMan simulator. Similarly, sophisticated alternatives like organs-on-chips can replace animal models that have failed to bring meaningful results for decades. With these humane methods, there is simply no excuse to cause extreme pain and suffering in animals.

In addition to the ethical considerations related to experimenting on monkeys, this industry is devastating monkey populations across Asia and Mauritius. Also, given the array of pathogens carried by macaques that can be transmitted to humans, it is clear that the international transport of monkeys is not only a serious ethical issue; it also represents a grave threat to public health and safety—including for EGYPTAIR employees.

Following public outcry, nearly every other major airline in the world now refuses to transport monkeys. As the national flagship airline of Egypt, EGYPTAIR represents our country. Please, show that Egypt is on the side of conservation and compassion, and help encourage EGYPTAIR Holding Company to reconsider participating in these cruel monkey shipments.

Thank you and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

*Abdelhakim T. Elkholy*

Dr. Abdelhakim Elkholy  
Director, Medi.Train.Egypt