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Dear Mr. Shalin G. Gala,

Thank you for reaching out to express your concerns regarding the recent launch experiment conducted by Iranian Space Agency. We understand and share your commitment to animal welfare and appreciate your advocacy on behalf of the creatures involved.

We would like to assure you that no real animals were used during the experiment. Instead, simulation kits and sensors were utilized as substitutes to gather the necessary data. Our space agency is deeply committed to upholding the highest standards and considerations regarding animal rights in our country's space bio-program.

We strictly adhere to all regulatory guidelines and ethical practices surrounding animal welfare. The well-being and ethical treatment of all living beings are of paramount importance to us. Our procedures undergo thorough review and approval from the appropriate authorities to ensure compliance with these standards.

Thank you once again for raising this matter, and we look forward to continued collaboration in our shared commitment to animal welfare and ethical practices.

Yours sincerely,

Iranian Space Agency

CC. The Honorable Amir Saeid Iravani, Ambassador and Permanent Representative; Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations

