PROPOSAL BYE-BYE BARCELONA DOLPHINARIUM

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSAL
- To declare Barcelona a dolphinarium free city.
- To give the dolphins in Barcelona a life without exploitation and as similar as possible to what their lives in the wild would be.

PROPOSAL
To look for temporary solutions for the maintenance of the dolphins until a sea sanctuary where they can retire is available.

REQUIREMENTS TO CONDUCT THE PROPOSAL
1) To shut down the dolphinarium to the general public.
2) To ensure the highest possible welfare is obtained through environmental enrichment, veterinary care, good diets and protection from stressful situations.
3) To transfer the animals to more suitable places, if the possibility exists. It could be to another zoo or dolphinarium at the beginning, but the final objective is that the animals spend the rest of their lives in a sanctuary for cetaceans.
4) To set the criteria to assess the conditions of the transfer and of the host center, to guarantee it’s indeed the best option. As a sine qua non condition for the transfer, Barcelona will keep the custody of the dolphins at all times.
5) To ensure animals do not breed, whether they are maintained in Barcelona or transferred to other centers. The required measures should be implemented in order to avoid the increase of the population of captive cetaceans in the world.
6) To promote the joint work among the dolphinarium staff, the relevant entities and the scientific panel to encourage the creation of a sanctuary that offers the highest possible quality of life for the dolphins in Barcelona.