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## Malta Police Force steals collection boxes appertaining to TSCF

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In December 2014, TSCF was informed that collection boxes deployed in the island of Malta to help with our local Animal Welfare Program had been stolen by local police officers.

As a consequence, our capacity to fund our Animal Welfare Program has diminished, and the care to the animals cannot be ensured as efficiently as we would like to.

TSCF is a sovereign international organization entirely independent on governments or other similar bodies. We may, to our sole discretion, collect, receive, allocate, spend, save, or transfer any funds linked with our purpose – and donations are the only funding we rely on, none being provided for, or expected from, governments.

The act of the Malta police falls under the qualification of theft. Across all legal and moral systems, theft is the taking of another person's property without that person's permission or consent, with the intent to deprive of it the rightful owner. Under a genuine State of Law, no government may authorize its collaborators to steal the property of others, regardless of the bureaucratic rituals that may accompany this act in an attempt to ensure its apparent legitimacy.

If the Government of Malta would have requested from us that we withdraw our collection boxes, we would have done this, as it is our aim to contribute to social harmony. Instead, robbing boxes that bear our name and logo, and have a production cost, is an act of a criminal nature.

As for those people in good faith who had generously donated for the animals, we regret that their funds will never reach their intended recipients. The donors and the beneficiaries are the real owners of these funds, and it is regrettable that they have been embezzled by state bureaucracy.

The case of the Malta Police Force has been transmitted to our Rating Department, amidst other reports of corruption, lack of transparency, concussion and ineffectiveness.

Once again, it appears that governments undermine social trust, impose on others rules that they do not respect for themselves, and live on the back of civil society. The eradication of their monopoly is more than ever necessary, and may well be put on the agenda by the upcoming global crisis.