

UN-Petition № 17389

Worldwide Banning of Complimentary Fruit Baskets in Hotels of all Categories.

Dear Mr. UN-Secretary General!

I write to you because I know you are willing and able to solve a problem that is a menace to thousands of human beings every day all over the world.

The problem itself sounds ridiculous at first glance, I must admit, but after a closer look into the subject you will agree that by banning this nasty and unjustified habit, the world will be a better place.

In nearly every good hotel – wherever you go – thousands of tourists are promised a complimentary basket of fresh fruit upon arrival. Which sounds like a nice gesture and a good refreshment after a long and tiresome journey is in fact a waste of resources, one reason for hunger and starvation around the world and finally a big cause of frustration for travellers.

Let me explain that in detail:

The typical complimentary fruit basket that you will find in your hotel room is usually filled with exotic fruit, which will look very nice. The trouble starts when you are trying to eat these things. The average tourist is normally not equipped with neither the stomach to digest these tropical goods nor with a sharp knife to slice open the fruit properly.



Pretty looking baby pineapple, guava, passion fruit and other flavoursome stuff will not only turn your stomach upside down in no time because tourists are not used to digest fresh tropical fruit. Furthermore the senseless need to prepare these fruit with anything else but a sharp knife will lead to bodily harm and trauma on the first day of the vacation. To add insult to injury some of the fruit may be already rotten and will spoil the whole trip on consumption.

For this reasons an experienced traveller will carefully avoid any fruit baskets – one will find better fruit at any desert buffet anyway – and throw the whole thing away.



In addition to harmed and disappointed tourists there is even more damage done to the local inhabitant of your travel destination. Growing or – even worse – importing these fruit to assault innocent travellers it is a waste of energy and resources after all. Think of all the local people for whom these fruit could be a main source of nutrition.

Though there are no accurate scientific results available on this topic, I estimate about half a million people worldwide could be feed with the content of thrown away fruit baskets every single day.

Therefore I demand that the UN will unanimously ban complementary fruit baskets in hotels all around the world and furthermore make all countries to introduce a substantial fruit basket tax. This will result in tourists having to order and pay for any baskets of fruit. As recent studies have shown, tourist will usually eat up everything they have paid for.

This will put an end to the barbaric practice of complimentary fruit baskets just for making a hotel room a bit nicer rather than feeding the starving locals with these valuable natural resources. Thank you for your support!

Yours sincerely

Mr. thalasso

PS.: By the way, Mr. Secretary General. I haven't heard a word from you concerning my demand for banning all wooden toothpicks in order to save the rain forest. Do you need more information on this topic? Just let me know.

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