



ivory trade

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Dear members of the Legislative Council,

An immediate ban of the ivory trade

I am very concerned by the rapid decline in the number elephants in the world. Elephants have now become an endangered species. I urge the Hong Kong government to effect an immediate total ban on the ivory trade to avoid the animals' extinction.

It is shocking to learn that a world city like Hong Kong has become the key transit point for the illicit trade in ivory from Africa to China. More than 20,000 elephants are being savagely slaughtered annually for their tusks – leaving abandoned orphans distressed and mourning their parents. In trying to stop criminal groups poaching adult elephants, many rangers are themselves getting killed too.

Without intervention, it is only a matter of a short time before the elephant will become extinct because of human greed. Therefore I urge the government to pass the bill banning the ivory trade immediately.

Yours sincerely

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