



**Bills Committee, HK Legislative Council, re: NO subsidies for (blood) ivory merchants**

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Hello. I am a permanent HK resident, having resided here for over twenty years.

The HK governments decision to finally ban the total sale of ivory is long overdue. China's ban goes into effect at the end of 2017, if only the HK government would follow suit!

Instead, Legco seems to be pandering to the self-centered manipulations of death merchants greed by allowing them more years to ensure the slaughter of endangered elephants and the dedicated rangers who fight for them against ever more sophisticated poachers, too often with their lives.

Please Do Not provide ivory merchants with any subsidies whatsoever! None!

Please Do follow the example of the United States and their complete ban on the sale of ivory products of any kind.

Blood ivory merchants have been blatantly acquiring fresh killed ivory stock for years, claiming it is old stock while the government turned a blind eye.

Now these death merchants want compensation! It is outrageous. Do not be taken in by these people yet again.

**DO NOT COMPENSATE IVORY MERCHANTS IN ANY WAY!**

Thank You,

Sincerely, Dr. Melanie Bryan