



PLEASE READ: Please support the Hong Kong government 's IVORY BAN

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Please respond to Adele Reynolds

Dear Ms. Tanya Chan,

It is time to choose ETHICS over economics.

In your important role as Chairperson of the Panel on Environmental Affairs, I urge you to please support the Hong Kong government's ivory ban. Did you know that elephants are highly intelligent, sensitive, and family-oriented like most humans? Yet an elephant is killed every 15 minutes for their tusks, only to be turned into trinkets. Some elephants are still ALIVE while their tusks are being gouged out and faces removed in this brutal act. Due to the rate of killing, elephants are facing EXTINCTION if nothing is done to help them. The tusks belong to the elephants - not to humans. It is not our right to take them - and for something so SENSELESS as well. Elephants have an intrinsic value - not a market value. They are meant to roam free and be admired by all of us around the world. They are not to be killed and risk being wiped off of our planet for the Asian trinket market. Hong Kong holds the record for having the most ivory items for sale than any other city in the world. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THIS AND SAVE ELEPHANT LIVES.

The proposed 5 years phase out period is far too long. Elephants do not have the luxury of time. China has pledged to phase out ivory sales and processing by the end of this year. Please be a leader the world can admire and ban ivory much sooner than the proposed 5 years.

Thank you for your serious consideration to advocate for elephants. The world's many compassionate humans and the majestic, innocent, and defenseless elephants will thank you for saving their species.

Sincerely,

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