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Invitation for submissions The Panel on Environmental Affairs invites interested parties to give views on the legislative proposal to phase out the local trade in ivory. JOANHUDDLESTON009

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To: Clerk to Panel on Environmental Affairs Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Greetings to the Panel on Environmental Affairs,

My registration reference number is F76634F7 Joan Huddleston

Subject: Legislative proposal to phase out the local trade in ivory

Date: Tuesday, 6 June 2017 Time: 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm Venue: Conference Room 2

I support the legislative proposal to phase out the local trade in ivory. With elephant populations decimated in Africa, I support a phase out of local trade in ivory. The use of ivory means the painful, ugly deaths of

the magnificent elephants in Africa. Further this illegal activity supports world wild criminal syndicates who traffic as well in human trade. There is no benefit to the killing of elephants. They are worth much more alive to the people of Africa. Please pass this proposal.

I have traveled to Thailand to see rescued elephants who live new lives of freedom after many years

of harsh work. I have visited Africa twice to see the elephants and am going again on May 31, 2017 to Botswana and October 2017 to Kenya to again see these magnificent sentient wonderful animals. It is important that their lives be saved to benefit the people of Africa, the economic aspects of tourism and the important role that elephants play in the ecosystem of Africa.

Thank you for considering my submission in support of a proposal to phase out the local trade in ivory. Please pass it.

Thank you.

Warm regards,

Joan Huddleston Seattle, Washington