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I am appalled that the global ivory trade continues, despite all that we know about the declining numbers of elephants in the world and the likelihood of their extinction. Hong Kong serves as a major trading hub and until the trade is stopped, the slaughter that underlies the trade will continue.

I urge the Government of the Hong Kong SAR to do everything possible to end the ivory trade within this year, in line the decision announced by China.

Regards Katherine Payne