



Ban on Ivory

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Please respond to eoin gillen

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Dear Members of the Bills Committee of the Legislative Council,

I refer to the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants (Amendment) Bill 2017, and specifically to the proposed ban on the trade in ivory contained therein. I respectfully urge the Bills Committee to support this legislative proposal wholeheartedly and without delay. It is crucial that Hong Kong takes action to protect the elephant, whose very existence is threatened by the ivory trade, and show that Hong Kong stands with other civilised countries in outlawing this cruel and barbaric trade, which encourages the illegal poaching of elephants in Africa. I would urge you to pass such a ban as soon as possible and with immediate effect. Furthermore, I would urge the Bills Committee to avoid providing for any kind of compensation for ivory traders, as financial compensation will have the effect of encouraging further poaching and is not an appropriate use of the tax dollars paid by the Hong Kong population.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Yours faithfully

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