

**Bills Committee on Protection of Endangered Species of
Animals and Plants (Amendment) Bill 2017**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 8 November 2017**

The Administration was requested to provide supplementary information on:

- (a) the total number of export certificates of pre-Convention ivory imported to Hong Kong verified by the Administration over the past ten years, the number of invalid export certificates identified and the quantities of ivory involved;
- (b) the quantities and details of the import shipment of pre-Convention ivory corresponding to the copies of export certificates of pre-Convention ivory provided by Hon SHIU Ka-fai and Hon CHAN Han-pan respectively;
- (c) complementary measures taken by the relevant authorities in France and the United Kingdom ("UK") to tie in with the implementation of their respective legislation to outlaw the trade in ivory, including: (i) details of the two orders adopted by the French Government in August 2016 and May 2017; (ii) the impact on the trade in France and UK and relevant measures to assist local ivory traders/practitioners on the disposal of ivory stocks before and after the trade ban; and (iii) the countries/regions covered by the proposal to prohibit the import and export of ivory for sale to and from UK as referred to in paragraph 6 of the Administration's paper [LC Paper No. CB(1)166/17-18(02)];
- (d) the measures taken by the governments of the five largest exporting countries of pre-Convention ivory to Hong Kong in relation to restriction of ivory trade; and
- (e) the definitions of raw ivory vis-à-vis worked ivory adopted by the Administration in handling import shipments of pre-Convention ivory and the criteria adopted to distinguish between raw and worked ivory (e.g. planed ivory tusks).

The Legal Service Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat was requested to comment on the Administration's view that the legislative proposal set out in the Bill was in conformity with Articles 6 and 105 on protection of the right of private ownership of property, in order to address members' concern about the possible effect of the Bill of limiting the property right of the ivory traders/practitioners without compensation.