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 29 November 2017

The Administration was requested to provide supplementary information on:

- (a) the limited exemptions allowed by the French Government to outlaw the trade in ivory;
- (b) licensing control of import of ivory to Hong Kong since 1990 and statistics on the enforcement actions taken;
- (c) the measures taken by the governments of Belgium, Germany and Portugal in relation to restriction of ivory trade;
- (d) details of the exemption provisions adopted by European countries (being the world's largest exporter of pre-Convention ivory) under their respective legislation to outlaw ivory trade; and
- (e) what constitutes the exceptional circumstances which justify the approval of the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation for an application for import licence, re-export licence or possession licence as proposed in paragraph 4, 6 and 10 respectively of Schedule 4; and whether the exceptions under "scientific" and/or "educational" purposes would restrict to non-profit making or non-commercial use only.

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