



Testimony Submission on Behalf of Quamquat
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Dear Chair,

Quamquat was among the largest of all land beasts gracing our planet and adding to its beauty, a thundering, trumpeting six-tonne monument to the wonder of evolution. From the tip of her distinctive trunk with its 100,000 dextrous muscles; to her outsized ears that flapped the heat away; to her complex matriarchal society and the mourning of her dead; to the points of her ivory tusks, designed to defend, but ultimately the cause of her ruin. She represented one of 20,000 African elephants who were killed in 2012 for their tusks, more than were born. Chinese wealth is financing a hunger for ivory that threatens to bring an end to wild elephants within our lifetime. Quamquat's beautiful life was needlessly spent on someone's selfish desire to gain acceptance and approval from their peers by flaunting ivory trinkets and thereby putting her kind on the list of sentient beings considered by scientist to be "among the walking dead." I beseech you on behalf of our late beloved Quamquat that you ban the ivory trade in Hong Kong once and for all to prevent another mass extinction. Let's not compromise for traders.

Sincerely,
Paul Fusch