



HK Ivory Ban

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dear Chairman of the Panel,

On behalf of my Director, Dr. Cynthia Moss, our Executive Director, Dr. Betsy Swart, and myself, we would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the Hong Kong government's proposed ban on the ivory trade, and their proposed increase in penalties for wildlife crime. These measures are crucial for safeguarding elephants and other wildlife, for the health of our planet's ecosystems and our natural heritage. We thank the government for bringing forward these measures, however we note with concern the debate regarding payment of compensation to ivory traders. We believe that this circumvents the entire point of a ban, which is to underscore that ivory has no monetary value, and is not a tradeable commodity, but rather something that only belongs on a living, free elephant. We therefore oppose any idea for compensation.

We wish the Panel every success in their endeavours to help secure a bright future for the world's elephants.

With kind regards,

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