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Chairman of the LegCo Environmental Affairs Panel

Dear Honorable Madam Tanya Chan

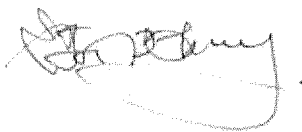
**Re: Testimony Supporting the Ban on Ivory Trade in Hong Kong**

We are a non-profit organization based in Tokyo, Japan and Maasai Mara, Kenya working on the conservation of African Elephants and Rhinos species. We write to you as a testimonial in support of the following:

- 1) We support the government's proposal to ban the import, re-export, and possession of pre-Convention ivory for commercial purposes, and increase penalties for wildlife crime.
- 2) We do not support proposals for any compensation to ivory traders given that they had almost three decades to prepare for this ban, however most importantly, dishonest traders will be motivated to increase their stock in the short term from illegal resources.

As a fellow Asian society, we have so much respect for Hong Kong that has taken the initiative to close the ivory trade in this critical time for the African Elephant species. We hope that your leadership will be a true example to fellow ivory consuming Asian countries, especially our Japanese government.

Yours faithfully



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