



Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – Rt Hon Steve Reed MP

CC: Minister for International Nature - Ms Mary Creagh CBE MP

CC: Dr William Broad – Defra

CC. William Lockhart OBE - Defra

CC: Foreign Secretary – Rt Hon David Lammy MP

CC: Lord Collins of Highbury – Minister for Africa

20th November 2024

Dear Secretary of State

RE: REQUEST FOR MEETING TO DISCUSS GOVERNMENT POSITION ON HUNTING TROPHIES (IMPORT PROHIBITION) BILL

Following on from our previous discussions regarding the above, we understand that on Monday 21st Oct 2024 the Hunting Trophies (Import Prohibition) Bill was reintroduced into the UK Parliament as a Presentation Bill by David Reed MP (Cons).

In this regard, we would greatly appreciate a meeting with yourself and the Minister for International Nature to seek clarification from Defra regarding whether the Government will support such a Bill.

Furthermore, it has been brought to our attention that a letter co-ordinated by a group of animal welfare organisations who support the proposed ban has been sent to MPs, Peers, yourself and the Shadow Defra spokesperson.

This letter claims that trophy hunting is only defended by a “small number of UK-based academics”.

As we have discussed in constructive meetings with yourself and the Foreign Secretary this year, it is our six governments who speak in defence of trophy hunting.

While we respect the right of these organisations to table their opinion on the policy to Defra and all parliamentarians, we respectfully object to their wilful disregard of our national positions on this issue.

It would be appreciated if we could have a meeting at the earliest opportunity and we therefore kindly request your officials to urgently contact Nigel Fairbrass (nigel.fairbrass@eternapartners.com) and Christine Thompson (Christine.thompson@eternapartners.com) to arrange a time for us to meet with you and the Minister.

Yours sincerely

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