

1. On international Community intervention

Illegal trade in wildlife is global challenge that calls for global solution The United Republic of Tanzania would like to commend the role played by UNEP, INTERPOL, CITES and UNODC on exposing the magnitude of these crimes and coming up with detailed report on the problem.

This Report has helped to increase knowledge and understanding of the severity of the problem. We also acknowledge with appreciation the partnership that we the EAC countries has entered into, today with UNDP, UNEP, FAO, UNODC and Government of USA and Norway for combating Illegal trade in Timber.

We equally welcome the United Kingdom's 4 million Pounds for the Illegal Wildlife Challenge Fund, to support sustainable livelihoods of the communities living near Protected Areas. We do believe that Tanzania being the second country in Africa with largest elephant population after Botswana will benefit from this initiative.

However, gaps are still there, for example, most of our affected countries allocate very few funds to undertake wildlife census and researches; so we appreciate the role played by Frankfurt Zoological Society and other wildlife research organizations.

We also need to deal with existing barriers:-

- To enact laws and review old ones and set stringent punishment to offenders, and always update the list of endangered species
 - Strengthen Law enforcement, for police, prosecutors, judges and customs
 - Enhance sectoral coordination and information sharing among relevant authorities.
 - To strengthen cooperation between **source, Transit** and **destination countries** (consumer and consumer countries)
2. Last but not least, we urge UNEA to come up on the resolution with strong statement condemning the illegal trade in wildlife, and ways in which the global society can work together to address this global challenge.

