

The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
The Prime Minister
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20th July 2020

Dear Prime Minister,

RE: Trophy Hunting Imports

The consultation on the banning of trophy hunting imports into the UK ended in February. We realise that the government has focused much of its energy on dealing with the coronavirus crisis, but it seems reasonable to assume that the results of the consultation have now been processed.

You have given a public commitment to banning these imports, but more recently there have been reports that the government only intends to ban the importation of animal parts from endangered species. Every measure of public opinion that has been taken shows that the British people overwhelmingly want a complete ban on all trophy hunting imports. They would also wish the government to do all it can internationally to bring an end to this barbaric killing of wild animals for pleasure.

We Support the view of the coalition of animal charities and organisations; including Animal Defenders International, Born Free Foundation, Campaign to Ban Trophy Hunting, Four Paws, Humane Society International, International Wildlife Bond, OneKind, Protecting African Lions, RSPCA, Voice4Lions, World Animal Protection, Zimbabwe Elephant Foundation, Lion Aid - on the need to implement a comprehensive ban. It is significant that WWF has now changed its view and supports a complete ban.

In January this year, a letter from Eduardo Goncalves of the Campaign to Ban Trophy Hunting was published in the Times. Co-signed by 161 others including Dame Jane Goodall, founder, the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace. The letter welcomed the government's proposal to ban trophy imports and exports and urged it to implement a comprehensive ban as quickly as possible.

We hope you will agree that the government should announce its intention to parliament and the country so that its position is clarified and the rumour mills can be ended.

We would therefore ask you to make an announcement without further delay and we hope that you will uphold your previously stated desire to see an end to the importation of all animal parts derived from trophy hunting into the UK.

We look forward to your urgent response.

Yours sincerely,



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