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The Honourable Minister for Environment, Water, and Climate
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Harare

Dear Honourable Minister Muchinguri

I was distressed to read media reports about the case of Cecil the Lion being illegally killed by hunters in Zimbabwe earlier this month, as I am sure were you. I was therefore very glad to read that the case had been rapidly brought before the courts.

I was pleased that the UK and Zimbabwe were able to work together recently in support of the Kasane conference on Illegal Wildlife Trade earlier this year. It is clear that we share an ambition to secure the protection of threatened species, and in working together towards an end to poaching and other illegal practices.

Following Lord de Mauley's contact with Honourable Minister Kasukuwere in Botswana, I would welcome your thoughts on how we could work more closely together to help achieve our shared objectives on this issue.

The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
Minister of State