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**QUESTION NO. 878 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to Dr P J Rabie (DA) to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**Ms Nosipho Ngcaba  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

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**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP  
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

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Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

What is the progress in negotiations with China, Vietnam and Mozambique regarding the trade in rhinoceros horns?

Dr P J Rabie (DA)

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## THE MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ANSWERS:

- i) Yes, entered into treaty with China
- ii) In the process of entering into treaties with Asian and African countries
- iii) The Department continues to implement and review the National Strategy on the Safety and Security of Rhinoceros population in South Africa, whose objectives are primarily implemented together with the Law Enforcement Agencies, in an integrated approach.

We have since the CITES COP17 started with the implementation of the decision endorsed by the convention, by intensifying our interaction and participation in international law enforcement forums in which Rhino poaching will be treated as a form of transnational crime to be observed by all participating countries. The consequences and application of international prescripts relating to transnational will be standardised on Rhino related crimes for all countries and bear equal and standardised penalties at conviction.

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