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Dear Mr. Wijnstekers,

In response to the Secretariat's Notification No. 2004/031, I am very pleased to advise you the following issues,

- We have not found any case in relation to the illegal trade in rhinoceros parts and derivatives in China since CoP12;
- China's rhinoceros horn stocks are still under strict government control. Any trade in rhinoceros parts and derivatives is not allowed in China.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Meng Xianlin', is positioned above the typed name and title.

Dr. Meng Xianlin
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