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PRESIDENT JACOB ZUMA
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Dear President Zuma

I have been fortunate to have visited your beautiful country on a regular basis over the past few years. Not only have I been privileged to assist with the training of a number South Africa's talented dancers, I have also enjoyed the opportunity of witnessing, first hand, the majestic African bush and the wonderful wildlife that has made South Africa the world's most renowned wildlife destination.

During one of my earlier visits to South Africa, I was approached to participate actively in an initiative to unite all Ballroom and Latin American dancers around the world to show our deep concern regarding the devastating effect that illegal trade and poaching is having on your wildlife resources. I have been fortunate to enjoy wonderful sightings of rhino in the Kruger National Park on one hand, and sadly, the devastating effect of poaching at The Rhino Orphanage on the other. I therefore offered my unconditional support to Dance to be Wild as I believe the world of dance offers an ideal platform for me to create increased awareness of the plight of the rhino and other South African wildlife under threat of extinction.

As a respected dance trainer, my travels around the world enable me to promote South Africa, it's people and the unrivalled wildlife sanctuaries that make this country a haven for travellers from across the globe. Most importantly, I believe that my work in Asian countries enhances opportunities for me to change perceptions about the myths of rhino horn where the demand is originating. In the future, Dance to be Wild will be presenting our prestigious Ballroom and Latin American Championships on an annual basis. Not only is this a wonderful opportunity for us to invite international dancers to participate under beautiful African skies, it also attracts dancers and their families to experience the beauty of this unique and wonderful country.

For these reasons, my wife and I have offered our full support to those conservationists and wildlife enthusiasts who are dedicating their lives to fight the current slaughter of South Africa's wildlife resources.

We therefore add our voices to the efforts of Olivia and Carter Ries who are making representation to you and other members of the South African Government to ensure the survival of the Rhino and other animals facing the desperate threat of extinction.

Together, Katya and I assure you of our commitment and unwavering support, so that, through the beauty of dance, we may empower South African children to take ownership of their wildlife heritage.

Yours truly

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Dance to be Wild – International Ambassador

Former Danish Amateur and Professional Latin Champion

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