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Clerk to Bills Committee on Karaoke Establishments Bill Legislative Council Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Hong Kong (Attn: Mrs Percy MA)

Dear Mrs MA.

Bills Committee on Karaoke Establishments Bill Submission from the Chinese Recreation Club, Hong Kong (CRC)

Thank you for your letter of 30 January 2002 enclosing the letter of 25 January 2002 from the CRC. We appreciate the views provided by the CRC. We would like to point out that the views made in CRC's letter have in fact been covered by the Administration's response provided in respect of the Bills Committee meeting held on 21 December 2001 (ref. LC Paper No. CB(2)832/01-02(01)).

We would like to reiterate that a karaoke establishment not meeting the proposed criteria could still be considered for exemption on a case-by-case basis. The licensing authority would be reasonable and pragmatic in making a decision for granting exemption.

Yours sincerely,

(SWHUI) for Secretary for Security