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Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSE Lai-tai, GBS, JP
President,
Legislative Council,
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
The People's Republic of China
Room 109, Legislative Council Building,
8 Jackson Road Central
HONG KONG

Dear Madam President,

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS)
ORDINANCE 2000**

As Chairman of the Asia Pacific Committee of the International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations (IFRRO) and also on behalf of the Copyright Agency Limited of Australia I wish to express our alarm at the proposed amendments to the Intellectual Property Ordinance 2000 in relation to reproduction rights in newspapers, magazines periodicals and books.

I fully endorse in the strictest terms the letter of Stephanie Faulkner, the Secretary General of IFRRO which was sent on behalf of the world wide membership of IFRRO and particularly as a near neighbour to emphasize our anxiety at the damage to regional copyright enforcement that such an amendment would bring. The region looks to an information hub such as Hong Kong for leadership in the area of intellectual property and we respectfully and sincerely request the urgent reconsideration of the proposed amendment.

Should you require any further clarification or should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Fraser
Chief Executive Officer