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Dear

**Proposed Amendments to the Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 200)  
Marital Rape and related Sexual Offences**

The Bar Association has considered both the Administration's 'Discussion Paper' of March 2001 and the 2nd draft of the proposed legislation dated 3rd April 2001. As previously stated we are in favour of legislative amendment to reflect the acceptance in Hong Kong of the decision of the House of Lords in **Regina v. R.** We acknowledge that the differences between the Hong Kong legislation and that of the U.K. in the relevant legislation makes such amendment more difficult. By contrast to the legislative amendments made in the U.K. in consequence of that decision the proposed amendments to the Hong Kong legislation are cumbersome, but perhaps necessarily so. In the result, the Bar Association supports the proposed legislation.

Yours sincerely

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