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Mrs. Percy Ma Clerk to Panel Legislative Council, Legislative Council Building, 8 Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Dear Mrs. Ma,

LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services Meeting on 20 February 2001

I refer to your letter dated 17 January 2001 and our recent telephone conversations regarding the Court's power under Section 13 of the Conveyancing & Property Ordinance which the LegCo Panel will be considering under Agenda Item V of today's meeting.

I reiterate my apology for the lateness in reply but the Society's Council has just finished deliberations on the issue at today's Council meeting. I am pleased to advise that both the Council and the Property Committee have now reviewed the legislative proposal in the light of the Administration paper. Both the Council and the Property Committee support the proposal in principle subject to further review of the detailed provisions of the legislation and subject to the proposed discretionary power being narrowly drafted. Please note that the Society will not send any representative to attend the LegCo Panel's discussion on the issue.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Moss Secretary General