

**Instructions received from
The Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
the People's Republic of China (MFAO)**

At the meeting on 30 November 2001, the Legislative Council Panels on Security, Administration of Justice and Legal Services and Financial Affairs requested the Administration to provide copies of the instructions of the Central People's Government (CPG) given to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) by the MFAO regarding the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR) 1333 and 1373.

2. The issue of instructions by the CPG to the HKSAR to implement UNSCRs is consistent with the Basic Law. As the implementation of UNSCRs concerns foreign affairs and involves other considerations regarding national interests and international/foreign relations, it is not appropriate to release copies of the instructions outside the Government.

3. We are however in a position to confirm that the HKSAR Government had earlier received CPG's instructions on the implementation of UNSCRs 1333 and 1373. The HKSAR Government was informed of the contents of the resolutions and that they were mandatory measures adopted pursuant to Chapter 7 of the United Nations Charter. As a member state of the United Nations, the People's Republic of China has an obligation to implement the two resolutions. The CPG therefore instructed the HKSARG to take the necessary measures to implement the relevant provisions of the resolutions in the HKSAR. It is for the HKSARG to work out the details of the measures to be adopted.

4. On 12 October 2001, the United Nations Sanctions (Afghanistan) (Arms Embargoes) Regulation was gazetted to give effect to UNSCR 1333. The Regulation already expired on 18 January 2002, in accordance with UNSCR 1333. The Security Council has passed a new resolution to extend part of the sanctions imposed by UNSCR 1333. We shall implement the new resolution in the HKSAR upon receiving CPG's instruction.

5. We are working on the legislative measures to implement the mandatory elements of UNSCR 1373 and will introduce an Anti-terrorism Bill into LegCo as soon as possible.