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

Dear Mrs. Ma,

Consultancy Report
System for the Determination of Judicial Remuneration

Thank you for your letter dated 30 May.

The Law Society's views on the two points raised by you are as follows:

- (a) The reduction of judicial salaries to account for the effects of deflation should be prohibited. Public confidence in the independence of the Judiciary would be undermined if judges were thought to be susceptible to political pressure through economic manipulation.
- (b) Dependent upon the degree of inflation we are of the view that failure to increase judicial salaries in the face of inflation should be regarded as a reduction of those salaries and thus be prohibited.

I hope that this answers fully your questions but if you require any further information please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Moss
Secretary General

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