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Dear \_\_\_\_\_ ,

**Second report under the Convention  
on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)**

I write further to my letter of 2 December 2002 regarding the request made by the Panel on Home Affairs at its meeting held on 8 November 2002 for a draft report of the second report of HKSAR under CEDAW once prepared.

As explained at the meeting, we have an obligation to make regular reports on the implementation of CEDAW in Hong Kong. We have involved the Legislative Council and non-governmental organisations in the report preparation process by inviting views on the implementation of the Convention and the draft outline of the report. We were pleased to hear the

views of LegCo Members and NGOs at the Panel meeting and also the views of the latter at a separate consultation session held on 12 October 2002. The comments and suggestions made are very useful and we are trying to address and incorporate them in the report as appropriate. All submissions received during the consultation period are considered carefully and relayed to the relevant Bureaux and Departments as necessary. But despite our best efforts, we may not be able to reflect each and every concern expressed in the text of the report. Members may find it reassuring to know that, in accordance with established practice, we will send full copies of each written submission we receive to the CEDAW Committee after our report has been submitted to the United Nations. Furthermore, any organisation may also forward its comments directly to the CEDAW Committee. Such arrangements would obviate the need for a further round of consultation, which will unduly prolong the report preparation process.

I trust that the above explains the position. Please let me know if you require further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food