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Hon Audrey EU
Attn: Mrs. Eleanor Chow
Chairman of the Bills Committee
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building,
8 Jackson Road,
Central, H.K.

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Dear Hon Ms. Eu,

Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill 2005

Thank you for inviting St. Paul's Hospital to attend the meeting of the Bills Committee on Waste Disposal. In this connection, I would like to confirm that I shall be representing the Hospital and would like to express the following views on the disposal of clinical wastes:

1. The Hospital in general agrees to the amendments to the Waste Disposal Bill 2005.
2. The Hospital finds it fair to let all other clinical waste producers, rather than merely the hospitals, to share the cost in disposing the clinical wastes. All other relevant parities, such as laboratories, old-aged homes, private clinics etc. should take up their responsibilities in supporting the disposal cost of the clinical wastes. However, there might be grey area in which the current legislation might not be extended to. For instance, there are a lot of practices which are providing "peripheral medical care" to general public, e.g., the health and beauty centres, in fact also produce clinical waste such as blood stained swabs. We believe a more concrete definition of "medical care and treatment" might be required in this context.
3. The Hospital would also like to suggest that the clinical waste disposal charges should be calculated as a form of tax imposed on the clinical products, rather than based on the weight of the wastes disposed. This can, on one hand, reduce the complicated administrative procedures in measuring the amount of the clinical wastes being

disposed by individual institutes. On the other hand, this can ensure the relevant charges are collected and there will not be any "missed-out" items.

4. Nevertheless, the Government should prepare all relevant infra-structures and facilities for the efficient and effective handling of clinical waste. These should include adequate clinical waste incinerators and adequate qualified clinical waste collectors to offer a reasonable choice.

The Hospital always believes it should be responsible for the environment of Hong Kong and has always put environment protection as one of the most important agendas in the operation of the Hospital. I sincerely hope the above could help in generating a both feasible and beneficial legislation for the Hong Kong population.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Sr. Ophelia Lui, Sister Superior
Dr. David Fang, Medical Superintendent