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Judgements (Reciprocal Enforcement)
Bill
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Thank you for your letter of 30 March 2007, inviting our comments on the Mainland Judgements (Reciprocal Enforcement) Bill.

We note that Hong Kong has already implemented "reciprocal enforcement" with a number of our trading partners for many years. Given the increasingly close economic ties between Hong Kong and the Mainland, entering into such an arrangement with the Mainland is in the right direction as it can further strengthen our position as an international business centre and as a convenient platform for local and multinational companies to do business with their Mainland counterparts.

In consulting our members on the Bill, we have heard of concerns about the enforcement capability and efficiency of some Mainland courts. In order to address these concerns, the Government should carefully monitor the implementation of the arrangement with the Mainland authorities to ensure its objectives are attained in both jurisdictions.

Yours sincerely,

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