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Dear Mrs Tong,

LegCo Panel on Security Meeting on 6 March 2007

At the meeting of the Panel on Security on 6 March 2007, Members agreed that the Administration should advise the Panel on the progress of the annual report of the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Commissioner). The Administration has now sought the advice of the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Secretariat).

The Secretariat has pointed out that in accordance with section 49 of the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance (the Ordinance), the Commissioner is required to submit an annual report to the Chief Executive within six months after expiry of the report period. In accordance with this requirement, the Commissioner's first annual report, covering the period beginning on the commencement of the Ordinance (i.e., 9 August 2006) and ending on 31 December 2006, is to be submitted to the Chief Executive by 30 June 2007. The Secretariat has advised that Commissioner will observe this statutory requirement in his submission of the report.

I should be grateful if you would bring this to Members' attention.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Cheung Siu Hing) for Secretary for Security

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