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Clerk to Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Legislative Council Secretariat 3/F, Citibank Tower 3 Garden Road Central, Hong Kong

Attn: Ms. Camy Yoong

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Dear Panel Chair,

A Ban on Trawling Activities in Hong Kong Waters

The Marine Biological Association of Hong Kong fully supports the proposed ban on trawling activities in Hong Kong waters. The proposed action will be a significant step in improving the integrity of the marine ecosystem in our waters and enhancing the protection of Hong Kong's marine biodiversity. We also welcome the proposed measures in safeguarding the livelihood of the affected fishermen.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Paul Shin Chairman