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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

Hong Kong Underwater Association fully supports the proposed ban on trawling activities in Hong Kong waters. The proposed action will have positive effect on the underwater environment of Hong Kong. We also welcome the proposed measures in safeguarding the livelihood of the affected fishermen such as ex-gratia allowance for trawler owners, voluntary buying out of trawler vessels and one-off grants to local deckhands affected by the trawl ban.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman

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