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Dear Ms Yu,

**International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities)
(Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production,
Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction) Order**

At the meeting of the Commerce and Industry Panel held on 21 February 2012, we undertook to advise how the Government enforced the Chemical Weapons (Convention) Ordinance (the Ordinance) in relation to the Hong Kong Garrison. Our reply is set out below –

The People's Republic of China is a contracting party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (the Convention) and has an obligation to observe the requirements of the Convention.

There is no express provision in the Ordinance binding on the Hong Kong Garrison. We have already stated in the document submitted in November 2002 to the Bills Committee of the Chemical Weapons (Convention) Bill (Ref.: CB(1)305/02-03(04)) that the Ordinance will not apply to the Hong Kong Garrison.

If you need any further information, please contact the undersigned or Mr Ricky Chong at 2810 3026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Candy', written in a cursive style.

(Mrs Candy Yeung)

for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development