Subcommittee on the Three Orders Made under Section 49(1A) of the Inland Revenue Ordinance and Gazetted on 4 October 2013

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 6 November 2013

In respect of the exchange of information ("EoI") mechanism under a comprehensive avoidance of double taxation agreement ("CDTA"), the Administration is requested to take the following actions:

- (a) To consider and provide written responses on members' suggestion of disclosing the name of the relevant CDTA pertaining to an EoI request in the formal notice issued by the Inland Revenue Department ("IRD") to the third party (i.e. the information holder who holds the relevant information or documents requested for exchange) so that the third party can take necessary actions with the relevant jurisdiction or tax authority to protect its own interests (e.g. claiming privilege against self-incrimination); and
- (b) To provide information on the legal and contractual obligations which bind IRD in disclosing information about the requesting jurisdictions or tax authorities in handling EoI requests.

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