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Subject: Re: Cyber 2005 (Extra) -- Electronic Transaction Bill (No. 2)

Dear Sir/Madam,

From the email message below dated 2 December 1999 from the chairman of ITB Panel, I understand that an Electronic Transaction Bill advisory committee will be formed. I am concerned about how representatives from pro-user/consumer groups and individuals and neutral stakeholders could participate in it.

In the past, as a member of UCAC (an advisory committee of OFTA), I have questioned in several meetings how interests of users and consumers could be represented adequately in ITBB advisory committees/Task Forces concerning E-Commerce matters, through the participation of Consumer Council, HKTUG, Chambers of Commerce, etc.

I believe that growth of E-Commerce activities in Hong Kong will need the confidence, support and contribution from them, not only from technologists and suppliers. The mechanisms and community education for getting such, to my knowledge, have not been well established.

Best regards,

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