

**Letterhead of Hong Kong Bar Association**

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12<sup>th</sup> March, 1999.

Mrs. Percy Ma,  
Clerk to Bills Committee,  
Legislative Council Building,  
8 Jackson Road,  
Central,  
Hong Kong.

Dear Mrs. Ma,

**Re : Bills Committee on Theft (Amendment) Bill 1998**

Thank you for your letter of 13<sup>th</sup> February 1999 and its enclosures.

The Bar's Special Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure has considered the bill. It is of the view that no sufficient case has been made out to depart from the LRC's recommendation that the new offence of fraud be restricted to circumstances in which there is financial or proprietary loss or gain and to abolish the common law conspiracy to defraud.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman