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Secretariat of Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
No 8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

Attn : Mr Law Wing-lok
Clerk to Bills Committee

Dear Sir,

Comments On The Proposed Amendments
Of
The H.K. Sports Development Board Bill

The Hong Kong Football Association apologizes for not being able to send one of our senior officials to the meeting in the morning of 9 November, 1999. The affairs of the Association, including the Hong Kong Team's Asian Cup campaign in Cambodia and Indonesia, has made it impossible for us to make our submission in person. However, we are pleased to make the following written submission on the proposed amendments of the Hong Kong Sports Development Board Bill.

- (1) We support the name change of ASF&OC by dropping the word "Amateur".
- (2) We support the increase of one more representative from SF&OC in the Board. We believe that this is appropriate as SF&OC represents a large number of NSA's.
- (3) We support the inclusion of the Director of the new HAB department in charge of sports. We will also support the government to include another official such as the Director of Education. However, in view of the proposed abolition of UC and RC, we respectfully submit that these 2 new seats, together with the 2 seats reserved for the Chairmen of UC and RC, should be reduced to 2 seats in total, once the re-structuring of the sports management hierarchy has been settled.

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- (4) We propose that one of the new seats should be reserved for the representative of one of the “focus sports” on a rotational basis so that the relevant NSAs’ views can be properly presented.
- (5) We further propose that one of the new seats should be reserved for the representative of one of the “most popular sports” on a rotational basis so that the relevant NSAs’ views can be properly represented.
- (6) To summarize our views on points (3) to (5) above, we support the increase of the number of Board member by 3, namely, one more from SF&OC, one from a “Focus Sport” and one from a “Most Popular Sport”. If the abolition of UC and RC do not happen, then the number should go up be another two for the government officials as suggested. Otherwise, the newly appointed officials should occupy the original seats reserved from the Chairmen of the two Councils.
- (7) In general, we recommend that more senior sport officials from the major NSAs be represented on the Board.

We thank you for this opportunity to make our views known.

Best Regards,

Martin Hong
Chairman