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(fax no.2509 9055) URGENT

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

Dear Mrs. Ma,

Re: Section 13 of the Conveyancing and Property Ordinance (Cap. 219)

The Law Society has received the submission made by the Bar Association and the paper produced by the Administration on the above topic. Members of the Property Committee have considered these two submissions but remain of the view that there are many arguments both in favour and against legislative amendment. It is the Law Society's view that the matter is one of some complexity, not of an apparent urgent nature and that it would be prudent to refer it to the Law Reform Commission for an in-depth examination.

We do not believe that we can assist further in the discussion and therefore will not send a representative to attend the meeting tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Moss Secretary General

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