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

Dear Mrs. Ma,

LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services ("LegCo Panel") Meeting on 16 May 2000

Thank you for your letter dated 15 June 2000 concerning tomorrow's LegCo Panel meeting.

On the issue of Marital Rape, the Society's Criminal Law & Procedure Committee agrees that the legal position is that there should be no marital immunity to the offence of rape. Should the decision be to amend the law to make the position clear, the Committee reserves the right to comment on the proposed legislative amendments.

Please be advised that the Society will not be sending any representative on the issue at tomorrow meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Christine W. S. Chu Assistant Director of Practitioners Affairs

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