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1. Hong Kong is an international city. It must meet international standards in managing its affairs and must abide by international instruments on citizens' rights.  
In the realization of citizens' basic political rights; and in enhancing citizens' right to participate in the overall operation and development which Hong Kong sorely needs at this stage of development, a fully representative government must be introduced soonest.  
It means the Chief Executive and all 60 Legislators must be elected by universal suffrage.
2. The Chief Executive should be elected by at least 50% of the citizens' who cast their votes.  
In the election of legislators, there should be 60 geographical constituencies. Citizens can cast only one vote in their registered geographic constituency. The people who get most votes in each of the 60 geographical constituencies shall be elected. This is to enhance better communication between legislators and the constituencies they represent.
3. The Chief Executive and principal officials appointed by the Chief Executive should be accountable to the Legislature.  
The Chief Executive should appear before the Legislature 6-8 times a year to answer questions. Principal officials should appear before respective Legco panels as often as is required to answer questions.
4. The Chief Executive should be elected by universal suffrage in 2002; if it is impractical, then 2007 the latest.  
All 60 Legislators should be elected by geographic constituencies on a one person one vote basis by 2000. If it is not practicable, then 2004 the latest.
5. From what I can read, Hong Kong's citizens are ready for a truly representative government. If the government is in doubt, she can conduct a referendum to be supervised by the United Nations. (N.B. the Sino-British Joint Declaration was deposited in the United Nations when it was signed on December 19, 1984).

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