

Letterhead of HONG KONG ASSOCIATION

Your Ref: CB2/PL/HA

7th March 2000

Miss Flora Tai
Clerk to Panel
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Miss Tai,

**Re: LegCo Panel on Home Affairs
Follow-up on the Concluding Observations made by the United
Nations Human Rights Committee after its hearing on the Report of
the HKSAR under the ICCPR**

We refer to your letter dated 21 February 2000 inviting us to attend the Panel meeting to be held on Monday, 13 March 2000 and to send our submission on the captioned matter to the Panel.

Under Article 2 of the ICCPR, the HKSAR Government is under a treaty obligation to take the necessary steps and to adopt such measures as may be necessary to give effect to the rights recognized in the ICCPR.

Being the treaty body entrusted with the authority to ensure the observance of the ICCPR, the Human Rights Committee has expressed its concern on various areas which fall short of the requirements of the ICCPR through its Concluding Observations on the 5th Periodic Report of the HKSAR. We support these recommendations and urge the Government of the HKSAR to implement these recommendations as soon as possible.

As we do not intend to make any further submission beyond what we have set out here, we would not attend the Panel meeting on 13 March 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Ronny Tong, SC
Chairman