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The Hon Jasper Tsang Yok-sing, GBS, JP President Legislative Council Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear President,

The Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session on 3 July 2014

At the opening of the Chief Executive (CE)'s Question and Answer session this morning, when the CE entered the Chamber, a number of pan-democratic Members, holding up protest banners and shouting slogans, left their seats and approached the CE. During that time, some Hon Chan Chi-chuen, Hon Albert (including Hon Wong Yuk-man and Hon Gary Fan) repeatedly threw objects (including glassware) at the CE. Such behaviour was in serious breach of the Rules of Procedure (RoP) and threatening in nature. Although your good self had taken decisive action immediately and requested security personnel to stop and expel the Members from the Chamber, the situation was chaotic and the meeting had to be suspended. The Government expresses deep regret for some Members' disregard of the RoP and condemns such conduct which threatened the personal safety of the CE as well as other attending officials and Members.

We note that these violent acts have become more unruly and run rife recently. The Government is worried that verbal abuse and physical scuffles might become a norm at the Legislative Council (LegCo) meetings. If the problem is left unchecked, the meeting order will completely break

down. Not only will such behaviour seriously affect the normal operation and relationship between the executive authorities and the legislature, it will betray public aspirations and severely undermine the international reputation of our legislature.

Despite that I have written to you several times on behalf of the Government about the misbehaviour of certain Members and openly expressed our concern, we see no improvement to the problem but its deterioration. As mentioned by the CE at the question and answer session, the Government is deeply concerned about the participation of young people in the recent storming of the LegCo. We are of the view that LegCo Members who frequently behaved in a disorderly manner should reflect on whether their behaviour may influence the young people. Both the LegCo and the community should take this incident and its development seriously.

On behalf of the Government, I would like to reiterate that what some of the LegCo Members did today is completely unacceptable. I earnestly ask the LegCo to handle today's incident in an effective and expedient manner so as to prevent any recurrence. Once again, I sincerely request you to review whether there is room for perfecting the RoP to maintain order at Council meetings, ensure smooth deliberation process, and upkeep LegCo's dignity.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Carrie Lam) Chief Secretary for Administration