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Dear Miss Tai,

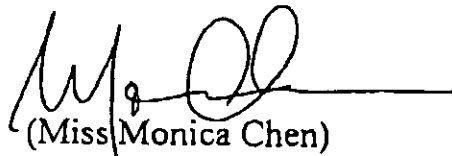
**Subcommittee on subsidiary legislation
Village Representative Elections**

Further to the meeting on 13 March, I would like to provide the following information for Members' reference.

At the meeting, it was noted that s.5(1) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration of Electors)(Village Representative Election) Regulation stipulates that in an Indigenous Villages and Composite Indigenous Villages register, the entry relating to a person must show the name and the principal residential address of the person, subject to the latter having been furnished to the ERO. However, to facilitate public inspection, we agree with Members' suggestions that the Administration should follow up with Indigenous Inhabitants Representatives voter registration applicants for the provision of a principal residential address or a postal address, to be included as reference in the provisional register. We have reviewed the 30,000 application forms processed so far, and noted that there is only one application that requires such follow-up action.

We will continue to monitor the situation and conduct follow-up enquiries with applicants as necessary. Grateful if you could draw this to the attention of the Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee.

Yours sincerely,



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