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Miss Lolita Shek Clerk to Subcommittee Legislative Council Secretariat, Legislative Council Building, 8 Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong **By Fax** Fax No.: 2509 9055

Dear Miss Shek,

Subcommittee on subsidiary legislation relating to Village Representative elections

I refer to our earlier telephone conversation on the abovementioned subject and the letter of 13 June 2003 from Heung Yee Kuk (HYK) to the Chairman of the Subcommittee. I would like to set out our response to the HYK's letter as follows.

To enhance public awareness of the development at various stages of the Village Representative elections, we have publicized relevant information (e.g. provisional register) at our District Offices, as well as the offices of the Rural Committees (RCs) and village offices, as appropriate, and subject to the agreement of the latter organizations. HYK's proposal is in line with our arrangements and is agreeable to the Administration. We have not set out the arrangements in the legislation to allow more flexibility for us to increase the avenues for dissemination of information, where available.

Yours sincerely,

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