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United Nations Sanctions (Liberia) Regulation 2003

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Dear Mrs Tong,

**Subcommittee on
United Nations Sanctions (Liberia) Regulation 2003**

I refer to your letter of 18 December 2003 asking for information on how resolutions of the United Nations Security Council relating to sanctions were implemented in Hong Kong before 1 July 1997.

Prior to 1 July 1997, sanctions stipulated in United Nations Security Council Resolutions were implemented in Hong Kong vide United Kingdom Orders in Council. Orders in Council which applied to Hong Kong had the status of law in Hong Kong. The United Kingdom Government (UKG) was also responsible for revoking or revising such Orders in Council.

When sanctions stipulated in United Nations Security Council Resolutions had to be applied in Hong Kong, the UKG would draft an Order in Council specifying the sanctions to be applied, the penalties which would be applied in the event of offences being committed, and which

persons were authorized to carry out enforcement actions etc. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the UKG would pass the draft Order in Council to the Hong Kong Government (HKG) for comment, prepare the final text, and advise the HKG of the date on which the Order in Council would take effect. The HKG would then proceed to publish the Order in Council in the Government Gazette and issue a press release to announce the implementation of sanctions.

Please feel free to contact me or Mr Lau Wai-ming at 2918 7506 if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology