Annex B

Instruction received from the Office of the MFA to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1390 in the HKSAR

The issue of instructions by the Central People's Government (CPG) to the HKSAR to implement UNSCRs is consistent with the Basic Law. As the implementation of UNSCRs concerns foreign affairs and other considerations regarding national interests and international/foreign relations, we consider it inappropriate to release the instruction to implement UNSCR 1390 to parties outside the HKSAR Government.

2. We wish to confirm, however, that the HKSAR Government received MFA's instruction on the implementation of UNSCR 1390 in February 2002. The HKSAR Government was informed of the contents of the resolution and the mandatory measures adopted pursuant to Chapter 7 of the United Nations Charter. As a member state of the United Nations, the People's Republic of China has an obligation to implement the Resolution. The CPG therefore instructed the HKSAR Government to implement the relevant provisions of the Resolution in the HKSAR. It was left to the HKSAR Government to work out the details of the measures to be adopted.

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