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Dear Mrs Ma,

**Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs
Follow-up to the meeting on 16 January 2006**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Constitutional Affairs on 16 January, Hon Margaret Ng asked the Administration to clarify in writing whether the implementation of universal suffrage in 2012 would contravene the principles of "gradual and orderly progress" and "actual situation" as specified in Articles 45 and 68 of the Basic Law (paragraph 51 of the minutes of meeting refers). Our reply is as follows.

Any amendment to the methods for selecting the Chief Executive and for forming the LegCo as specified in Annexes I and II to the Basic Law must be made in accordance with Articles 45 and 68 of the Basic Law, as well as the Interpretation by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of 6 April 2004. The methods for selecting the Chief Executive and for forming the LegCo in 2012 must also be dealt with in accordance with the above principle.

Yours sincerely,

(Joseph Y T Lai)

for Secretary for Constitutional Affairs