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Mrs Percy Ma Clerk to the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Hong Kong

Dear Mrs Ma.

政府總部

香港下亞厘畢道

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

I refer to our discussion on the phone this morning.

This office is preparing several pieces of subsidiary legislation (which will be subject to the Council's negative vetting) relating to the privileges and immunities to three international organizations. We have prepared a paper and should be grateful if you could seek the agreement of the Chairman to circulate it to Members for information or, if a discussion is considered useful, to place it on the agenda of the Panel meeting scheduled for 19 March 2008. intention is to gazette the subsidiary legislation in May 2008, so as to allow the negative vetting period (even if extended) to run its full course within the current legislative session. The date of the Panel meeting which we propose for the Chairman's consideration has taken into account the lead time for steps we are to take subsequent to the Panel meeting and prior to gazettal.

Yours sincerely,

for Director of Administration

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