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Dear Mrs. Ma,

Re: Panel Meeting on 23 June 2008
Item IV - Pilot Scheme on mediation of legally aided matrimonial cases

I refer to your letter addressed to the Secretary General dated 28 May 2008 and I have been asked to send a reply on his behalf.

The Family Law Committee notes the Panel will discuss the captioned item on 23 June 2008.

The Family Law Committee has already expressed its support to extend legal aid to cover mediation in legally-aided matrimonial cases. As the results of the Pilot Scheme indicate there is a demand for mediation the Committee urges the Administration to provide adequate resources to the Legal Aid Department to enable it to provide mediation to its clients on a permanent basis.

The Family Law Committee will not be sending any representative to attend the session.

Yours sincerely,

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