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Dear Miss Li,

Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release) Bill

I am looking at the legal and drafting aspects of the abovenamed Bill and would be grateful if you could -

- (a) identify (preferably in table form) the clauses of the Bill which seek to implement the particular provisions of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity and/or the Convention on Biological Diversity done at Rio de Janeiro on 5 June 1992; and
- (b) provide information (preferably in table form) on the applicability of the provisions of the various Hong Kong legislation relating to environmental protection to the Government (e.g. whether the compliance provisions apply to the Government, whether the Government and/or its officers are subject to criminal sanction, etc).

I look forward to your reply in bilingual form before 8 July 2009.

Yours sincerely,

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