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Dear *Margaret*,

**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services
Immunity from Prosecution**

Thank you for your letter of yesterday's date.

The matter concerning Mrs Grace Mugabe was only touched upon briefly in the Special Finance Committee on Monday, which of course was meant to deal with finance-related issues. I and my colleagues would be happy to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Panel of Administration of Justice and Legal Services next Monday, 30 March 2009, to provide further explanation.

However, in the meantime, in view of the impression you mentioned in the second paragraph of your letter, which, regrettably, does not accurately reflect what I said, I should like to provide the following information. The Central People's Government has advised the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government that Mrs Grace Mugabe has been granted immunity and inviolability pursuant to Article 22.1(3) of the Regulations of the People's Republic of China Concerning Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities

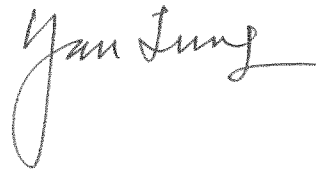
(“the PRC Regulations”), which apply to Hong Kong by virtue of their inclusion in Annex III of the Basic Law and their promulgation by the Promulgation of National Laws Notice 1997. Article 22.1(3) provides:

“The following persons shall enjoy immunity and inviolability necessary for their transit through or sojourn in China: (3) other visiting foreigners to whom the Chinese Government has granted the privileges and immunities specified in the present Article.”

The Central People’s Government has further advised that the privileges and immunities granted to Mrs Mugabe include immunity from criminal jurisdiction under Article 14.1 of the PRC Regulations.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Yan Lung".

(Wong Yan Lung, SC)
Secretary for Justice

c.c. Clerk to Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services