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to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions
of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions
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(Attn: Ms Annette Lam) (Fax No.: 2978 7569)

Dear Ms Lam,

## Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolution of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions

### Letter from Hon Dennis KWOK on disclosures by the Government

Thank you for your letter of 20 June 2013 relaying the concern of Hon Dennis KWOK over the provisions for disclosure of information or documents to Governments outside Hong Kong in the regulations made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537). Our reply is set out below –

Under the disclosure provisions in the regulations made under Cap. 537 (e.g. section 25 of the United Nations Sanctions (Cote d'Ivoire) Regulation 2013 (Cap 537BE)), any information or document provided, produced or seized under the respective regulations may be disclosed if, *inter alia*, the information or document is disclosed on the authority of the Chief Executive, subject to the information or document being transmitted through and with the approval of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of

China (PRC) to, *inter alia*, the Government of any place outside the PRC for the purpose of assisting that Government in securing compliance with or detecting evasion of measures in relation to the places under sanction as decided by the United Nations Security Council. We have so far checked our records for the past five years, and we have not disclosed any information to the Government of any place outside the PRC based on the regulations made under Cap. 537.

Yours sincerely,

(Jerry JI)

for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development