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Ms Mary SO
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Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex,
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Hong Kong

Dear Ms So,

HKCA Submission to Subcommittee in Arbitration (Appointment of Arbitrators and Mediators and Decision on Number of Arbitration) Rules

We note that HKIAC intend to raise the fee for appointment of an arbitrator from HK\$4,000 to HK\$8,000. We also note that they wish to have the power to charge up to HK\$15,000 for an appointment. HKIAC suggest that this is to reflect the costs of making an appointment but they give no breakdown of such costs. We understand that the HKIAC Secretariat handle applications to make appointments and they are already employed full time by HKIAC. We do not know therefore what "costs" HKIAC is referring to.

In addition, given the economic climate we do not understand how a 100% rise (and up to almost 300%) in fees for making an appointment can be justified. As mentioned above, no justification is currently put forward.

We therefore suggest that a more modest rise in fees be applied, if at all.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Tse
Secretary General