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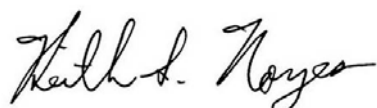
Dear Ms Chan,

Financial Institutions (Resolution) Bill

The International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (“ISDA”)¹ welcomes the opportunity to provide the Bills Committee with comments on the Financial Institutions (Resolution) Bill (the “**Bill**”).

We are supportive of Hong Kong’s establishment of a strong, internationally consistent resolution regime for financial institutions and one that is aligned with the Financial Stability Board’s Key Attributes of Effective Resolution Regimes. We previously made submissions in response to two consultation papers² issued by the Hong Kong government and regulators and provided comments on the effect of the proposals on the safety and efficiency of the derivatives markets, which have been taken into account by the regulators. We thus do not consider it necessary to provide a written submission or attend the coming Bills Committee meeting.

Yours sincerely,

For the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.


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¹ Since 1985, ISDA has worked to make the global over-the-counter (“**OTC**”) derivatives markets safer and more efficient. Today, ISDA has over 850 member institutions from 68 countries. These members include a broad range of OTC derivatives market participants such as corporations, investment managers, government and supranational entities, insurance companies, energy and commodities firms, and international and regional banks. In addition to market participants, members also include key components of the derivatives market infrastructure such as exchanges, clearinghouses and repositories, as well as law firms, accounting firms and other service providers. Information about ISDA and its activities are available on ISDA’s web site: www.isda.org.

² First and second consultation papers on “An Effective Resolution for Financial Institutions in Hong Kong” dated January 2014 and 21 January 2015 respectively, jointly published by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Securities and Futures Commission and the Insurance Authority.