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Hon Chan Hak-kan  
Chairman Environmental Affairs Panel  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
Legislative Council Complex  
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Dear Mr Chan,

**Re: CAN's response to Review of Air Quality Objectives**  
**LegCo EA Panel Discussion on 30 March 2016**

With regards to the documents released by the government administration on "Work Plan of the Review of Air Quality Objectives", Clean Air Network is concerned with the following areas:

**1) WHO Interim Target is inadequate to protect public health**

In order to safeguard public health, Clean Air Network has urged the HK's AQOs to achieve the World Health Organization's (WHO) most stringent Air Quality Guidelines (AQG) levels.

According to WHO, Interim Targets do not provide adequate protection of public health when compared with the AQG levels. Thus, the EPD needs to set time targets with milestones for achieving the AQOs.

**2) Frequency of review**

AQO review should be conducted in a higher frequency and an interim review should be conducted in order to ensure the progress is on track.

**3) Working Group**

Clean Air Network welcomes the formation of Working Group comprising different stakeholders including air scientists and NGOs, and CAN emphasizes such Working Group should become a core part of the review mechanism i.e. be formed in every review.

According to the documents, the Working Group will look into control measures for "other lesser air pollution sources", such as aviation and volatile organic compounds emission sources. CAN believes the Working Group should also look into major air pollution sources.

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