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Chairman Liao:

THIRD REPORT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION FOR THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

I am writing to you to kindly request that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) section of the national report for the United Nations Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is made available for public comment, prior to being submitted to the People's Republic of China (PRC) government.

I have followed and engaged in the UPR process closely over the last few months. In my view, the UPR provides a valuable opportunity for the HKSAR government to highlight its commitments to core values, including; respect for human rights, adherence to the rule of law, pluralism and inclusiveness, as the Chief Executive noted in her Policy Address last year.

I acknowledge the UPR consultation process to date, including the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs and the work of Team 5 in the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, seeking views on the outline document. While welcomed, they do not provide the opportunity for active feedback or an awareness of whether feedback provided has been incorporated until the national report is publically released.

There are several benefits in releasing the HKSAR section of the national report for public consultation prior to presenting to the PRC. Firstly, it would be a positive measure which could be referenced in the HKSAR section of the national report. Secondly, it would improve relations with civil society organisations, who have expressed interest in working collaboratively with government through the UPR. Many organisations have also expressed an interest in having a draft of the HKSAR section provided in advance to comment on. Thirdly, the decision would be

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warmly received by the international community, many of whom circulate drafts of their national reports in advance.

While I understand that time frames may be tight to provide the HKSAR section to the PRC, even if there was only a small amount of time available, such as one week, consultation on the draft HKSAR section would be of benefit and greatly appreciated.

I kindly request that you make the HKSAR section prior to presenting to the PRC for public consultation. Thank you.

Member Hui Chi-fung

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