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Dear Honourable Members,

Panel on Constitutional Affairs

Third Report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the United Nations Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review

Thank you for your letter dated 28 June 2018 to Hon Martin LIAO, Chairman of the Panel, requesting the Panel to call for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") section of the national report for the United Nations Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review to be made available for review by the Panel, prior to being submitted to the Central People's Government. This matter was discussed at the Panel meeting on 30 April 2018 and is the subject of Government response on two occasions, namely, the letter dated 18 May 2018 from Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs ("SCMA") to Panel Clerk (LC Paper No. CB(2)1424/17-18(02)) and another letter dated 30 May 2018 also from SCMA to Panel Clerk (LC Paper No. CB(2)1493/17-18(01)). The Chairman has asked me to reply as follows.

As you are aware, the next meeting on 16 July 2018 at 2:30 pm will be the last meeting of the Panel within the 2017-2018 legislative session. Having consulted members of the Panel at its meeting on 22 June 2018, the Chairman has already decided on the agenda of the next meeting, which is to receive public views on "The third report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination". Based on past experience, a large number of deputations is expected to attend the meeting to make oral representations. The Chairman, therefore, cannot accede to your request for review of the third report of HKSAR (if available) by the Panel.

Regarding the last paragraph of your letter in which you request the Chairman to "make the HKSAR section (available) prior to presenting to the PRC for public consultation", the Chairman would like to point out that he is not in a position to make available the draft third report of HKSAR for public consultation. As the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau is responsible for drafting the HKSAR's report, the Chairman has directed that your letter be referred to the Administration for consideration and response.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Joanne MAK) Clerk to Panel

c.c. Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP (Chairman of the Panel)