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Clerk to the Panel on Constitutional Affairs The Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong (Attn: Ms Joanne MAK)

Dear Ms MAK,

Panel on Constitutional Affairs

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

Joint letter from 24 Members

Thank you for your letter dated 5 July 2018 attaching therewith a joint letter from 24 Members calling for the section on the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) to be made available for review by the Panel on Constitutional Affairs (CA Panel) before it is submitted to the Central People's Government (CPG) for inclusion in the national report to the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council (HRC) under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism.

In preparing the third report of the HKSAR for the UPR, we had launched a public consultation to invite members of the public to submit views on the areas and content to be covered in the report from 3 April to 7 May 2018. The outline of the third report of the HKSAR had been widely issued to stakeholders. The outline was also discussed at the Human Rights Forum and CA Panel on 18 April and 30 April 2018 respectively at which representatives of interested NGOs had presented their views. By the end of the consultation period on 7 May 2018, over 50 written submissions were received. The views

and suggestions expressed by Members, interested NGOs and members of the public are well noted. As explained in our letter dated 18 May 2018 (CB(2)1424/17-18(02)), the HKSAR Government has taken into account the public views in drafting the HKSAR section of the report. The section on HKSAR of the report will be published after the UNHRC has received it.

The UPR on the People's Republic of China is scheduled to take place in November 2018. We will report the outcome of the review on HKSAR by the UNHRC on UPR at the CA Panel and hear deputation views.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs