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Dear Mr Lam,

Panel on Commerce and Industry

Implementation of United Nations Security Council Sanctions in Hong Kong

At the meeting held on 19 February 2019, the Panel requested the Government to provide, in respect of the implementation of United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”) sanctions in Hong Kong, information on –

- (a) which government department(s) was responsible for the striking off of the alleged Hong Kong-registered companies, and the justifications for doing so, given that the responsible persons of those alleged companies were not even prosecuted for violating UNSC sanctions;
- (b) the number of alleged Hong Kong-registered companies being struck off in the past five years; and

- (c) the reasons for the Government to adopt a preventive approach by striking off the alleged Hong Kong-registered companies and denying entry of suspicious vessels into Hong Kong waters as a measure to implement UNSC sanctions in Hong Kong.

Regarding the above matters, our responses are set out below –

Striking off Companies

Under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622), the Registrar of Companies may strike the name of a company off the Companies Register where the Registrar has reasonable cause to believe that the company is not in operation or carrying on business. Over the past five years, a total of 260 955 companies, which were found to be not in operation or carrying on business, have been struck off the Companies Register.

If in the course of investigation (including but not limited to suspected cases of UNSC sanctions violations) by a law enforcement agency it is found that a Hong Kong-registered company is not in operation or carrying on business, the agency will refer the case to the Companies Registry for follow-up.

Denying Entry of Vessels

Under paragraph 22 of UNSC Resolution 2270 concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, all Member States of the United Nations shall prohibit the entry into their ports of any vessel if the Member State has information that provides reasonable grounds to believe the vessel is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a designated individual or entity, or contains cargo the supply, sale, transfer or export of which is prohibited by relevant UNSC resolutions. The Government denied entry of certain vessels into Hong Kong waters pursuant to the above decision of the UNSC.

Yours sincerely,



(Eileen Yue)

for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development