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Ms Betty Ma Clerk to Panel on Security Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms Ma,

## Response to Panel on Security Follow-up item

I refer to the following item on the list of follow-up actions of the Panel on Security (LC Paper No. CB(2)1081/19-20(02)):

> "The Administration was requested to provide a list of jurisdictions with which negotiations were being conducted on arrangements for mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and surrender of fugitive offenders and a list of jurisdictions with which negotiations on such arrangements were planned in future."

In this regard, we would like to point out that the HKSAR Government has been actively expanding its network of juridical assistance and negotiating agreements on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and surrender of fugitive offenders with various jurisdictions. negotiations (including the identity of the negotiating partners) is part of the communication between governments and should not be made public before an agreement is signed.

Yours sincerely,

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