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Excellency,

In my capacity as Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee, I have the honour to refer to the follow-up to the examination of the third periodic report of Hong Kong, China.

At the end of its 107<sup>th</sup> session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 26 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested Hong Kong, China to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 6, 21 and 22 of the concluding observations.

On 11 January 2016, the Committee received the reply of Hong Kong, China. At its 117<sup>th</sup> session, held in July 2016, the Committee analysed this information and adopted the following decisions:

- **Paragraph 6: [C1]:** The Committee regrets that Hong Kong, China has not yet made arrangements for elections by universal suffrage in 2017. The Committee reiterates its recommendation that Hong Kong, China withdraw its reservation to article 25 (b) of the Covenant.
- **Paragraph 21:**
  - (a)(b)[C2]: The Committee notes that Hong Kong, China has not provided information on the incidence of all forms of alleged abuse by employers, including statistics on prosecutions, convictions and sentencing outcomes. The Committee reiterates its request for information on mechanisms in place that are specifically tailored to ensure accountability for abuse by employers, including mechanisms in place to facilitate the reporting of abuse and to protect employees from retribution for coming forward with complaints. The Committee reiterates its recommendation.
  - (c)[C2]: The Committee regrets that no steps have been taken to repeal the “live-in requirement.” The Committee reiterates its recommendation.

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- **Paragraph 22: [C2]:** The Committee regrets that Hong Kong, China has provided no new information on the progress made with the measures taken, in particular the Learning Framework, to integrate ethnic minorities into public school education. The Committee reiterates its recommendations.

Taking into account that the State party has provided three substantive replies, (in accordance with paragraph 26 of the Note by the Human Rights Committee on the procedure for follow-up to concluding observations, CCPR/C/108/2), the Committee considered that the follow-up procedure has come to an end. Nonetheless, Hong Kong, China is required to provide the Committee with information on the issues referred to in the context of its fourth periodic report.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Hong Kong, China on the implementation of the Covenant.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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