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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 the State party 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 25 March 2014, the Committee received the reply of the State party. At its 112<sup>th</sup> session, held in October 2014, the Committee analysed this information and adopted the following decisions:

- Paragraph 6: **[C1]**: The Committee notes the public consultation carried out by the State party on the selection methods for the CE in 2017 and on the election of the LegCo in 2016. The Committee also notes the decision of 31 August 2014 of the NPCSC. The Committee requires additional information on the specific method for selecting the CE and the LegCo by universal suffrage, which includes the right to vote and the right to stand for election, and its compatibility with the Covenant. The Committee also requires information on measures taken to withdraw the reservation to article 25(b) of the Covenant.
- Paragraph 21: **[C1]**: While the Committee notes the information that the State party provided on the protection and entitlements provided for foreign domestic workers, additional information is required on:
  - (a) data on the incidence of all forms of alleged employer abuse and of criminal prosecutions, convictions and imprisonment of employers;
  - (b) accessible and effective mechanisms in place to ensure accountability of employer abuse; and
  - (c) if the State party envisages repealing the “live-in requirement”.

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- Paragraph 22: [B2]: The Committee notes the additional funding allocated for the 2014/15 school year to support NCS students in learning the Chinese language; however, additional information is required on measures taken to integrate ethnic minorities in the public education system, in particular, the concrete policy goals, implementation objectives/timetables, monitoring mechanisms and measures to ensure transparency that will be used in implementing the “Chinese Language Curriculum Second Language Learning Framework” programme.

The next follow-up report of the Human Rights Committee will be adopted in March 2015. If the State party wishes the information referred to be taken into account on that occasion, the reply should be sent in a Word electronic version to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by **15 January 2015** (Kate Fox: [kfox@ohchr.org](mailto:kfox@ohchr.org) and Fernanda Santana: [fsantana@ohchr.org](mailto:fsantana@ohchr.org)).

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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