

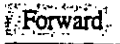

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Attached please find the feedback on consultation on constitutional development from the Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres.

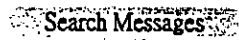
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Thanks for your attention.

Fong Man Ying

Director,

Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres

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Feedback on the consultation on the Third Report of the Constitutional Development Task Force

From: Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres (HKFWC)

The Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres came into existence in 1981. The HKFWC is a member agency of the Community Chest, of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, and is in Special Consultative Status with Social and Economic Council of the United Nations.

We have always had programmes that encourage our members to learn more about and to participate in civic and political life in Hong Kong. Our stance is that we do not support any specific parties but encourage all parties to consider the gender perspective, as women's needs in society often differ greatly to those of men.

In regard to the current consultation document, we support the earliest possible introduction of universal suffrage and fully accountable government, with no functional constituencies.

Our proposed amendments are as follows:

1. In respect of the Method for Selecting the Chief Executive in 2007:

We believe that universal suffrage is in line with the Basic Law and the international standards on human rights, so we propose that the Chief Executive should be elected through direct election in 2007. The Election Committee shall not exist.

2. In respect of the Method for Forming the Legislative Council in 2008:

We think that the number of seats in the Legislative Council shall remain to be 60. These 60 seats, however, should all be returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections in 2008.

The number of seats returned by functional constituencies should be cancelled because functional constituencies are biased towards the interests of the business sectors and the professionals while people like our members are shut out of them if they have no vote through a workplace.

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