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Dear Sirs,

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We refer to captioned consultation exercise and are disappointed to note that our earlier views expressed in October 2004, though included in the Appendix I of the 4th Report, have not been suitably brought up in the main report. We wish to reiterate our proposal which conforms with the principle of representative governance. Our proposals are:

The 2008 Legislative Council should reserve a seat in the functional constituent for the Civil Servants. This is because there are over 160,000 civil servants in Hong Kong. Adding their family members will make up a total of about 500,000 populations. At present there is no political representation for this group of population in the Legislative Council and hence their interest has not been properly protected and that there exists a lot of misconception on the role played by civil servants in the society.

The 4th report enquired the criteria on determining the increased functional constituents. In fact the simple criterion is on the number of population/work force that the "sectors" represent. As mentioned above, civil servants play an important role on the development, stability and prosperity of Hong Kong and hence they should be represented in the LegCo.

Along the same principle, we would further propose that a suitable proportion of seats in the Election Committee for the 2007 Chief Executive Election, if increased, should be reserved for the civil servants.

Yours faithfully,

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