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Dear Secretary,

Re: Response to Report No.4 of the Task Force

Enclosed please find a pamphlet entitled "Step out, Step Up Universal Suffrage" which is the Article 45 Concern Group in LegCo's response to the Task Force's Fourth Report.

The Concern Group welcomes your comments and will be pleased to meet with you to discuss the way forward.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

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Step out, Step up Universal Suffrage



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1. **What is your overall response to Report No. 4 of the Task Force?**

The Report has totally failed to respond to the public's aspiration for universal suffrage for 2007/2008 and simply ignored it as if it has not been expressed. The Report does not even propose a timetable for achieving universal suffrage at a later date.

It has failed to address the pressing problem of governance, and turned a blind eye to the harm persistent bad governance is doing to Hong Kong's prosperity and stability.

In short, the Report shows that the HKSAR Government is burying its head in the sand.

2. **What are Hong Kong people being offered in the Report?**

Having screened out the views of the majority for universal suffrage, the Report tries to restrict the public to a narrow range of choices, specifically –

For CE election:

- enlarging the Election Committee (EC) to 1,200 – 1,600
- including more District Council members into the EC
- tinkering with the number of EC members required for nomination
- possibly slightly broadening the electoral base of the EC

For LegCo:

- possibly increasing seats to 70 – 80 by adding 5 – 10 seats each of Functional Constituencies (FCs) and Geographical Constituencies (GCs);
- some reorganization of FCs
- possibly slightly broadening the electoral base of some FCs

3. **Do you expect Hong Kong people to accept this straight-jacket and seriously consider choosing from what is on offer?**

No. We consider the Report's proposal an insult to our intelligence, and we believe the Hong Kong community thinks the same.

4. **Do Hong Kong people have any alternative other than accepting the Report's offer?**

Yes. Hong Kong people do not have to accept what they do not want. They should continue to fight for what they really want, which is universal suffrage for 2007/2008. What the Report offers is not even a half-way house to universal suffrage.

5. **Is it still meaningful to fight for universal suffrage for 2007/2008 after the Standing Committee's 26 April Decision?**

Certainly. For one thing, the Chinese Constitution provides for the National People's Congress to alter or annul an inappropriate decision of the Standing Committee. For another, we will never get universal suffrage at whatever date if we don't fight for it but wait for it to fall from heaven.

6. **Why are you so determined to fight for universal suffrage for 2007/2008? Isn't it more important to concentrate on the economy?**

We are more determined than ever because we need to move to universal suffrage in order to change governance, and good governance is essential for economic success, particularly if we want all sectors of the community to benefit. Bad governance will lead to instability and inefficiency with time and money wasted, as recent examples like Hung Hom Peninsula, West Kowloon Cultural Development and the Link Reit have shown, and this hinders economic success.

7. **But some people suggest that Hong Kong people have to choose between democracy and improving the economy?**

The opposite is true. Poor governance is a major stumbling block to making a success of the economy.

8. **So what do you recommend Hong Kong people to say to the Government in response to Report No. 4?**

Demand that the Government should respond to the strong aspiration of the people for universal suffrage for 2007/2008. Tell the Government it should not just discard the majority view and then hobble together from the remaining views a "mainstream model" and force it upon the community. If the Government cannot deliver 2007/2008 universal suffrage, it should at least propose a model as close to it as possible, and explain how far that model can address the problem of governance and lead to universal suffrage.

9. **What is the Government's next move?**

According to officials, the decisive move is No.5 Report scheduled for May/June 2005 which presents the "mainstream model" for LegCo's vote, and if a two-third majority is obtained, for Beijing's approval.

10. **What is your recommendation for the community as the next move?**

To require every LegCo member to demand that the model in Report No. 5 addresses the real needs and aspirations of the people as stated above; to require every LegCo member in any event to vote according to the wishes of the Hong Kong Community.

你我齊踏步 行出普選路



《基本法》四十五條關注組（立法會）

對政改專責小組 第4號報告書的回應

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1. 你們對於專責小組第4號報告書的大體回應是甚麼？

報告書完全沒有回應公眾對2007/2008落實普選的訴求，反而採取置若罔聞的態度，當作完全沒有提出過一樣。報告書甚至何時才可達至普選的時間表，也完全沒有作出建議。

報告書沒有針對迫切的管治問題對症下藥，對由於長久管治失效而對香港的繁榮穩定造成的損害更視而不見。

簡而言之，報告反映特區政府根本拒絕面對現實。

2. 報告書有甚麼建議供香港市民選擇？

報告書剔除了支持普選的大多數意見，再把可給予香港市民選擇的範圍收窄至以下幾項：

有關行政長官選舉：

- 增加選舉委員會（選委會）人數至1,200-1,600人
- 選委會納入更多區議員
- 略為改動提名行政長官候選人所需的選舉委員會的數目
- 或會稍為擴闊選委會的選民基礎

有關立法會：

- 或會增加立法會議席數目至70-80席，即於直選及功能界別議席中各增5-10席；
- 略為重組某些功能界別
- 或會稍為擴大某些功能界別的選民基礎

3. 你們認為香港市民會接受政府的畫地為牢，在這個狹窄範圍內認真挑選？

不。我們認為報告書的建議簡直是侮辱香港市民的智慧，我們相信香港市民亦有同感。

4. 除了接受報告書所提出的建議之外，香港市民還有其他選擇嗎？

有的。香港市民毋須接受他們不想要的東西。他們應繼續爭取他們真正想要的，即2007/2008普選。報告書所提出的建議連提出邁向普選的一個中途站也做不到。

5. 人大常委會常務委員會已作出四·二六決定，爭取零七零八普選仍有意義嗎？

當然有。首先，中國憲法規定全國人大可以改變或撤銷人大常委會不適當的決定。另一方面，如果我們不努力爭取，普選是不會從天而降的。

6. 為何你們這樣執意爭取零七零八普選？專心改善經濟不是更重要嗎？

我們更加決心堅持，因為必須邁向普選才会有希望改善施政，而良好管治是經濟成功的基本條件，若要社會各階層都能得益，就更有必要。不良管治導致不穩定和低效率，浪費時間和金錢，最終妨礙經濟發展。紅灣半島事件、西九龍文娛區計劃和領匯事件便是最佳例證。

7. 但是否如有些人所說，發展民主會導致犧牲經濟？

剛相反。不良管治是妨礙經濟發展的一大絆腳石。

8. 照你們所說，香港市民應如何回應政府的第4號報告書？

要求政府必須回應市民對2007/2008普選的訴求，讓政府知道絕不能對大多數人的意見置之不理，然後把那些小眾意見東拉西扯拼成“主流意見”，逼香港市民接受。如果政府無法落實2007/2008普選，最少也要提供一個最接近的模式，並且解釋這模式如何改善施政，邁向普選。

9. 政府下一步會怎樣做？

根據政府官員所說，明年五、六月發表的《第五號報告書》會是決定性的階段，因為報告書將提出政改的“主流方案”，交給立法會表決，如果獲得三分二票數支持，便呈上中央政府批准。

10. 你們認為香港市民下一步應怎樣做？

應要求每位立法會議員要求政府，在第五號報告書內提出的方案真正回應市民的需要及訴求；要求每位立法會議員在任何情況之下，也要按照香港市民的意願投票。