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Dear Task Force,

Thank you for providing the public with an opportunity to express their views on the constitutional development of Hong Kong after the Fourth Report.

It is, I fear, clear, given the PRC's interference in Hong Kong's affairs, that it is neither possible nor sensible to push for full democracy in the election of the Chief Executive and the Legislative Council in 2007 and 2008 respectively.

However, in addition to tinkering with the electoral status quo for 2007/08, which is unlikely to make any meaningful difference to the unhappy way in which Hong Kong is currently governed, the role that the task force should now urgently set itself is to work out a viable timetable of events and strategies leading to full democracy (in the sense of a Chief Executive elected by the people and not by an appointed Election Committee, and a Legislative Council elected by the people with no ring-fenced functional constituencies) for the elections in 2012/13.

There is little doubt that this is what the majority of people in Hong Kong want, and they need the task force's leadership in this.

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