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Annex D

20 January 2004

Mr Christopher Cheng Wai Chee Chairman Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service

Dear Chairman,

The Chief Executive has authorised me to write to you to convey his request for the Standing Committee to undertake a study and to make recommendations to him on the appropriate institutional structure, mechanism and methodology for the determination of judicial remuneration. In undertaking this task, we ask that the Standing Committee should look into all aspects of the Judiciary's proposal and to make recommendations on whether the Judiciary's proposal based on their Consultancy Report should be accepted.

A brief summarising the background on the issue, together with a copy of the Chief Executive's letter to the Chief Justice on the subject, are attached for your reference.

The Chief Executive would like to receive the Standing Committee's recommendations by October this year.

The Secretary General of the Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service will be in touch with you to discuss how the Standing Committee's work may be organised.

Yours sincerely,

Director Chief Executive's Office

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