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Dear Assistant Secretary,

**Public Consultation on  
“Method for Selecting the Chief Executive in 2017 and for Forming the  
Legislative Council in 2016”**

**Views from  
Business Environment Council Limited**

In response to the public consultation document on “Method for Selecting the Chief Executive in 2017 and for Forming the Legislative Council in 2016”, Business Environment Council Limited (“BEC”) is of the view that in the event that the current Election Committee forms the basis of any Nominating Committee for electing the HKSAR Chief Executive in 2017, one of the topics covered in the public consultation paper, the Environmental Industry should have the same number of Committee representatives as other professions and industries.

Over the last two decades, BEC has taken a leading role in advocating environmental issues in Hong Kong. BEC is a membership organisation, currently with about 180 member companies that span across major holding companies to small and medium sized enterprises in Hong Kong.

During a forum on Constitutional Development held at BEC for the Environmental Industry on 31 March 2014, comments regarding direct representation from the Environmental Industry in the Legislative Council and in the election of the HKSAR Chief Executive were raised from the audience.

With the belief that direct representation from the Environmental Industry will help formulate and support environmental and sustainability policies that are fundamental for the future of a healthy, liveable and prosperous Hong Kong and be conducive to the development of an “ecological civilization”, BEC would like to submit our views in response to this public consultation. Views put forward in this submission represent the views of BEC as a whole, and may not necessarily correlate with the views of individual members.

In the current composition of the 29 Functional Constituencies of the Legislative Council, industry sectors such as Insurance, Transport, Legal, Accountancy, Medical,

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Health Services, Engineering, Architectural, Surveying & Planning, Real Estate & Construction, Tourism, Finance, Financial Services, Information Technology and Catering are each entitled to have a member representative. Furthermore, under the current method of electing the HKSAR Chief Executive, there is an Election Committee comprising 1,200 members, representing a broad range of economic, social and community sectors, with the professions each having up to 30 members.

In the event that the current Election Committee forms the basis of any Nominating Committee for electing the HKSAR Chief Executive in 2017, one of the topics covered in the public consultation paper, BEC is of the view that the Environmental Industry should have the same number of Committee representatives as other professions and industries.

BEC is looking forward to working constructively with the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau in taking our views forward. If there are any questions or concerns in regards to the content of this submission please contact our Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Agnes Li, at [agnesn@bec.org.hk](mailto:agnesn@bec.org.hk) or 2784 3950.

Yours sincerely,



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